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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON JULY 20, 2004, BEGINS ON PAGE 192.]**

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6 [GAVEL]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I WOULD ASK YOU ALL TO PLEASE RISE. THIS
9 MORNING WE'LL BE LED IN OUR INVOCATION BY ADOLPHUS GARNETT,
10 PASTOR OF NORMANDIE AVENUE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN LOS
11 ANGELES, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE
12 LED BY JAIME QUINTANILLA, MEMBER EL MONTE POST NUMBER 261, THE
13 AMERICAN LEGION.

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15 **ADOLPHUS GARNETT:** THANK YOU. WILL YOU BOW YOUR HEADS WITH ME,
16 PLEASE? OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, YOUR DIVINE PRESENCE IS INVITED
17 HERE TODAY, AS THESE MEN AND WOMEN YOU'VE CHOSEN TO
18 ADMINISTRATE OVER THE AFFAIRS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY, THE COUNTY
19 OF LOS ANGELES, ONCE AGAIN TO MEET TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS AT
20 HAND. FATHER, YOU UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE
21 IN THIS COUNTY. MAY THESE COUNCILPERSONS ACT IN HARMONY WITH
22 YOUR WILL WHILE YOU PROVIDE WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, SKILL, AND
23 COMPASSION AS THEY ENDEAVOR TO CARRY OUT THE PLANS, PURPOSES,
24 STRATEGIES, AND ACTIONS OF PAST AND PRESENT AGENDAS. WE PRAY
25 THAT THE PEOPLE'S NEEDS WILL BE MET, THE SUFFERING WILL BE



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1 RELIEVED, THE HUNGRY FED, THE HOMELESS HOUSED, THE MENTALLY
2 DISTURBED HELPED, THE COMMUNITIES MADE SAFER, THE SCHOOLS AND
3 CHILDREN BENEFITED, BUSINESS AND COOPERATIONS ENCOURAGED AND
4 EACH OF OUR LIVES ENRICHED. WE THANK YOU FOR THE BENEFITS AND
5 BLESSINGS, FOR THE CHANCES AND CHALLENGES, FOR THE
6 OPPORTUNITIES AND OBJECTIVITIES. NOW, MAY THE LORD BLESS US
7 AND KEEP US. MAY THE LORD CAUSE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON US AND
8 BE GRACIOUS ONTO US. THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON US
9 AND GIVE US PEACE. AMEN.

10

11 **JAIME QUINTANILLA:** PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
12 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** WE ARE VERY PLEASED TODAY TO HAVE PASTOR ADOLPHUS
17 GARNETT, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE PASTOR OF THE NORMANDIE
18 AVENUE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES AND PASTOR
19 OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF SEVEN DAY ADVENTIST.
20 PASTOR GARNETT IS A NATIVE CALIFORNIAN, EDUCATED IN THE PUBLIC
21 SCHOOL SYSTEM. IN 1974, HE RECEIVED HIS ASSOCIATES OF ART IN
22 RESPIRATORY THERAPY, AND HIS BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY IN
23 1984 FROM OAKWOOD COLLEGE, IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING FULLER
24 THEOLOGICAL SEMINAR. PASTOR GARNETT WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-
25 AMERICAN TO PREACH THE GOSPEL IN THE FAR NORTH OF NEW ZEALAND



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1 AND HE CONDUCTED FIVE SIX-WEEK CRUSADES FROM 1996 THROUGH
2 2001. HE'S MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
3 FOR BEING HERE AND GIVING US THAT INSPIRATION THIS MORNING. [
4 APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL WAIT ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA WHEN SHE
7 COMES DOWN AND MAKES HER PRESENTATION. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE
8 WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

9

10 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
11 BEGINNING ON PAGE 6, ITEM S-2, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
12 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 21ST AT
13 11:30 A.M.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
18 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ITEMS 1-D
19 AND 2-D.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY THE
22 CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
25 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H. WE HAVE A REQUEST FOR A HOLD BY



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1 SUPERVISOR KNABE. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10. ON
2 ITEM NUMBER 2, IT WAS REVISED TO ADD ADDITIONAL WORDING. ITEM
3 5, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.
4 THE REST OF THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
7 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 11 THROUGH
11 15.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. YES,
15 EXCUSE ME.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST GO BACK TO ITEM TWO? WHAT WAS
18 THE-- YOU SAID THERE WAS SOME CHANGE IN THE LANGUAGE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE GREEN SHEET, GREEN SHEET CHANGE, AS
21 INDICATED ON THE GREEN SHEET. THAT'S CORRECT. THAT WAS THE
22 ONLY CHANGE, RIGHT?

23

24 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** YES. ARTS COMMISSION, ITEM 16.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR
2 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 17.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR
7 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 18.
10 WE HAVE A REQUEST FOR A HOLD BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

14

15 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ITEM 19, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
16 COMMISSION. WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO
17 CONTINUE THE ITEMS TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 3RD.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 20.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
24 BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 21 THROUGH 27.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
4 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PROBATION, ITEM 28.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL
9 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 29 THROUGH 45.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS, MOVED BY THE CHAIR,
14 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
15 ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 46 THROUGH 49. ON ITEM
18 48, WHICH WAS ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE ITEM, THEY ARE NOT GOING
19 TO REFER IT BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU AS
20 WELL.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IN OTHER WORDS, ITEM 48 WILL BE
23 REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT?

24



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1 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** NO, NO. EXCUSE ME. IT'S THE CANCELLATION
2 OF WHAT'S ON THE GREEN SHEET. IT'S TO GO FORWARD AS SHOWN ON
3 THE AGENDA.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO ON THE ITEMS BEFORE US,
6 THEN, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
7 BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. EXCUSE ME.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, IT'S GOING FORWARD JUST AS IT IS ON THE
10 AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 31ST, 2004.

11

12 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 50.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 51
18 AND 52. THE RECOMMENDATION FOR 52 IS TO DENY THE CITY OF
19 CUDAHY'S REQUEST.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 53.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THE BUDGET MATTERS, ITEMS 54 AND 55.
5 THEY WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. OR-- UNLESS YOU WANT TO
6 RECEIVE AND FILE, AS INDICATED ON 55. IT'S AT YOUR PLEASURE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THOSE ITEMS FOR A REPORT OR WE
9 CAN MOVE TO RECEIVE AND FILE. OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA
10 ON ITEM 55. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
11 ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AND 54 WILL BE HELD FOR SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** ITEM 56, WE WILL HOLD IT FOR A HEARING.
19 ITEM 57, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS
20 AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
21 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE
22 GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 57-A.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR
25 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** 57-B.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** 57-C.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
10 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** 57-D.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AND ON ITEM 57-E, WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY TO REFER THE MATTER TO CLOSED SESSION.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
23 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
24 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'M SCHEDULED TO DO A-- WE'RE GOING TO DO
2 THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, BUT SUPERVISOR BURKE...

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** (OFF-MIKE)

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEVER MIND THEN. I'M GOING TO
7 ASK MR. JAKE PACCIONE, WITNESS ASSISTANT WITH THE D.A.'S
8 OFFICE WHO WAS OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, AND ASK HIM AND HIS
9 FAMILY AND FELLOW WORKERS TO COME FORWARD AND JOIN ME.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF YOU WOULD PERMIT ME, I'D LIKE TO
12 DO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SORRY ABOUT THAT. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, IT'S MY PLEASURE THIS
17 MORNING TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR. JAIME
18 QUINTANILLA. MR. JAIME QUINTANILLA IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN
19 LEGION POST 261 IN EL MONTE. HE SERVED AS A CORPORAL IN THE
20 FOURTH MARINE DIVISION IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM
21 1966 TO 1969 IN VIETNAM, WHERE HE SAW BATTLE AT TETE
22 OFFENSIVE, D'NANG AND CAMBODIA. HIS MANY DECLARATIONS INCLUDE
23 THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION, A MERITORIOUS UNIT
24 COMMENDATION, A COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, A
25 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL WITH TWO



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1 STARS AND A REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL. MR.
2 QUINTANILLA IS MARRIED WITH FIVE CHILDREN. HE RESIDES IN EL
3 MONTE, AND WE WANT TO THANK HIM FOR LEADING US TODAY IN OUR
4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. QUINTANILLA. IT'S
5 A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU HERE. THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS. [
6 APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. JAKE, LOOKING AT THAT
9 CROWD BEHIND ME, I SEE HOW YOU GOT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. THEY
10 ALL VOTED. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ANYWAY, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TO
13 ALL OF YOU THE 2004 JULY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, MR. JAKE
14 PACCIONE. HE HAS OVER 10 YEARS OF APPOINTMENT WITH THE COUNTY
15 OF LOS ANGELES. HE IS CURRENTLY A WITNESS ASSISTANT 1 WITH THE
16 D.A.'S OFFICE AND WHERE HE'S ASSIGNED TO THE WITNESS
17 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT THE LONG BEACH COURTHOUSE. SHHH. COULD
18 WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE? THANK YOU. HE PROVIDES
19 ASSISTANCE TO OUR DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS BY ENSURING THE
20 APPEARANCE AT THE DESIGNATED TIME AND PLACE OF ALL WITNESSES
21 REQUIRED TO TESTIFY FOR THE PROSECUTION. ONE DEPUTY DISTRICT
22 ATTORNEY CALLS JAKE A SHOVEL BECAUSE HE HAS THE ABILITY TO
23 UNEARTH HARD TO FIND WITNESSES, INCLUDING A DEPUTY SHERIFF ON
24 VACATION ON A CRUISE SHIP IN ALASKA. OH, THAT DEPUTY SHERIFF
25 WAS REALLY HAPPY! [LAUGHTER]



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JAKE WAS AWARDED THE JEMISON AWARD FOR
3 DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE, WHICH RECOGNIZES THE MOST
4 OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY. AND
5 IN RECOGNITION OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIS DEDICATION AND
6 HARD WORK, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE AND TO HONOR MR.
7 JAKE PACCIONE AS OUR JULY 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. [
8 APPLAUSE]

9

10 **JAKE PACCIONE:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO
11 RECEIVE THIS AWARD. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
12 FOR SELECTING ME. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
13 OFFICE FOR NOMINATING ME. I'D LIKE TO THANK MY SUPERVISORS OF
14 THE LONG BEACH BRANCH FOR BEING GREAT SUPERVISORS AND GIVING
15 ME THE SUPPORT SO I COULD DO MY JOB. I KNOW MY NAME IS THE ONE
16 ON THIS SCROLL BUT I THINK THERE'S 2,000-PLUS D.A.'S OFFICE
17 EMPLOYEES THAT ARE VERY DEDICATED AND THEIR NAME DESERVES TO
18 BE WITH MINE, TOO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SHARON MATSUMOTO:** ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
21 I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW PROUD WE ARE OF YOU. I KNOW
22 THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY REGRETS THAT HE IS UNABLE TO BE
23 HERE TODAY TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS OCCASION BUT I KNOW
24 THAT YOU'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HIM IN PERSON, AND
25 THIS IS TRULY A COUNTY FAMILY BECAUSE JAKE'S FATHER IS JON



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1 PACCIONE, WHO IS OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OUR BUREAU OF
2 MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET AND JAKE'S MOTHER, PAULETTE PACCIONE, IS
3 ONE OF OUR LINE PROSECUTORS IN THE TORRANCE OFFICE. AND, AS
4 THE SUPERVISOR SAID, THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT JAKE HAS
5 BEEN HONORED. HE IS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US. WE ARE VERY,
6 VERY PROUD AND GRATEFUL FOR ALL OF HIS HARD WORK AND
7 DEDICATION AND VERY THANKFUL THAT THE COUNTY IS BEING ABLE TO
8 HONOR YOU AS ITS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH TODAY. CONGRATULATIONS,
9 JAKE. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THANKS FOR COMING DOWN. [
12 APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV, I BELIEVE YOU'RE NEXT.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T KNOW IF-- IS WILLIE
17 WILSON HERE YET? MR. WILSON? NOT HERE YET, SO I'LL DEFER UNTIL
18 MY GUEST ARRIVES. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEN I WILL PROCEED WITH MINE. I HAVE
21 TWO ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS. FIRST OF ALL, WE'RE GOING TO ASK
22 MR. JIM NOYES TO JOIN US UP HERE AND HIS WIFE. JIM IS GOING TO
23 BE RETIRING NEXT MONTH. IS JIM HERE? RIGHT? I SAW HIM. HE'S ON
24 HIS WAY? THERE HE IS. GOOD MORNING. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GIVE JIM A BIG HAND. [APPLAUSE]

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JIM NOYES WILL BE RETIRING NEXT WEEK AS OUR
4 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. HE'S HELD THAT POSITION SINCE 2001.
5 HE IS ONLY THE THIRD PERSON TO EVER SERVE AS THE COUNTY'S
6 PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. HE'S HAD A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED
7 CAREER WITH THE COUNTY SPANNING SOME 38 YEARS. HE BEGAN HIS
8 CAREER WITH THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AS A CIVIL ENGINEERING
9 ASSISTANT AND ADVANCED THROUGH THE RANKS TO HIS PRESENT
10 POSITION. AS DIRECTOR, YOU KNOW THAT HE SERVES AS COUNTY
11 ENGINEER, COUNTY SURVEYOR, ROAD COMMISSIONER, CHIEF ENGINEER
12 OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIAL, AS
13 WELL AS GENERAL MANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER OF NUMEROUS SPECIAL
14 DISTRICTS. JIM HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE IN NUMEROUS PROFESSIONAL
15 ASSOCIATIONS, COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS BOTH ON THE LOCAL,
16 STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS. WHILE SERVING AS DIRECTOR, HE HAS
17 NOT ONLY OVERSEEN THE COMMISSION OF THE WATERSHED COMMISSION,
18 BUT-- WATER COMMISSION AUTHORITY, BUT ALSO THE DEVELOPMENT AND
19 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIVER MASTER PLANS. HE HAS RESPONDED TO
20 DAMAGE CAUSED BY MAJOR WILDFIRES AND WORKED TO MAKE PUBLIC
21 WORKS EVEN MORE ACCESSIBLE VIA THE INTERNET. SOMETHING ELSE
22 THAT SHOULD BE NOTED IS THAT, UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE
23 DEPARTMENT OVERSAW THE COMPLETION OF THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT
24 HALL, TWO MAJOR COURTHOUSES, THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL RENOVATION,
25 AND HAS CONTINUED TO MANAGE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE



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1 L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT. HE'S LEAVING
2 BEHIND AN EXCELLENT AND EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT TEAM. WE'RE
3 SORRY TO SEE HIM GO BUT WISH HIM A HAPPY AND HEALTHY AND LONG
4 RETIREMENT. SO, JIM, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES
5 HERE AND THE ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY, AND I THINK YOU'VE GOT A
6 BUNCH OF YOUR TEAM, WHY DON'T THE PUBLIC WORKS TEAM OUT THERE
7 STAND UP. WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **JIM NOYES:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS, IT'S A SAD
10 DAY, SAD DAY IN THE SENSE THAT A BIG PART OF ME DOESN'T WANT
11 TO LEAVE, A BIG PART OF ME WANTS TO STAY. I'VE ENJOYED NOT
12 ONLY WORKING WITH THE SUPERVISORS AND THEIR STAFFS, BUT ALL
13 THESE FINE PEOPLE OUT HERE. IT'S JUST BEEN A TREMENDOUS,
14 WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE, BUT IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON, SO THAT'S WHAT
15 I'M GOING TO DO, AND I THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR ASSISTANCE
16 AND HELP. IT'S TRULY BEEN AN HONOR TO WORK FOR THE BOARD AND
17 THE COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME SAY, IT'S BEEN A
20 PLEASURE TO WORK WITH JIM OVER THE YEARS, AND I ESPECIALLY,
21 ONCE AGAIN, APPRECIATE HIS ATTENTIVENESS ON THE ISSUES IN THE
22 ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR OUR TRANSPORTATION MEETINGS. HE'S THERE AT
23 8:00 IN THE MORNINGS, OR AT 8:30 IN THE MORNING AND HE'S BEEN
24 REGULARLY THERE WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND BECAUSE OF ALL
25 OF THE VARIOUS FIRES WE'VE HAD FROM THE STEVENSON RANCH TO



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1 PALMER CANYON AND NOW WE HAVE A NEW ONE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
2 AS WELL, THE PUBLIC WORKS HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE AND
3 JIM HAS TAKEN A HANDS-ON POSITION, AND ALSO HIS LEADERSHIP AND
4 SUPPORT OF THE BOY SCOUTS, WHICH HELPED DEVELOP THE LEADERS OF
5 TOMORROW, SO WE APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP THERE AS WELL.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** I CERTAINLY WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE HIS
8 HARD WORK IN OUR DISTRICT AND THE RESPONSIVENESS. AND WE'VE
9 GONE THROUGH A NUMBER OF ISSUES WITH THE DRAIN AND THE SEWERS
10 AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS, BUT WE'VE HAD NOTHING BUT THE BEST IN
11 COOPERATION. AND ALSO IN TERMS OF-- JUST THE LITTLE THINGS.
12 YOU KNOW, IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS IN TERMS OF A STOPLIGHT HERE
13 AND THERE, A STREET PROBLEM IN SOME OF OUR UNINCORPORATED
14 AREAS WHERE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO REALLY ESTABLISH SUCH A GOOD
15 RECORD AND, JIM, YOU'VE BEEN RIGHT ON TOP OF IT AND YOUR STAFF
16 HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE. THEY COME OUT TO THE TOWN HALL MEETINGS,
17 TO EVERYTHING AND PEOPLE FEEL AS THOUGH THEY'RE THERE TO HELP
18 THEM, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND
19 LEADERSHIP.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ZEV?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST WANT TO ADD MY
24 CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM AND THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE
25 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY AND ESPECIALLY OUR PART OF THE COUNTY,



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1 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OUT THERE
2 HAS DEPENDED, ESPECIALLY IN DISASTER TIMES, ON THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF PUBLIC WORKS AND JIM HAS BEEN A STALWART PRO OUT THERE. THE
4 BEST COMPLIMENT I CAN PAY TO JIM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
5 WORKS IS A WELL-KNOWN LIBERTARIAN WHO LIVES OUT IN ONE OF OUR
6 CANYONS UP ON ONE OF THE PEAKS OVERLOOKING OUR CANYONS, I
7 WON'T MENTION HIS NAME, TOLD ME NOT TOO LONG AGO, HE SAYS,
8 "I'M A LIBERTARIAN, AND I SHOULD COMPLAIN ABOUT THE FREQUENCY
9 OF THE SERVICE WE GET FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUT
10 I'M NOT GOING TO COMPLAIN. KEEP PAVING THOSE ROADS." AND THEY-
11 - AND I THINK THAT SAYS IT ALL. IT REALLY IS A PROFESSIONAL
12 DEPARTMENT THAT ANTICIPATES PROBLEMS RATHER THAN JUST REACTS
13 TO THEM. AND, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, JIM, THE NEW SUN VALLEY
14 WATERSHED PROGRAM, WHICH WE'RE BREAKING GROUND ON TOMORROW,
15 COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED, AND I THINK THAT, THAT'S A WHOLE
16 OTHER DIMENSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TO YOUR
17 LEADERSHIP AND YOUR LEGACY THAT WON'T GO UNNOTICED IN THE
18 YEARS AHEAD. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND, AGAIN, JIM, SUSIE, ENJOY.
21 OKAY. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT, I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE MAYOR OF
24 THE GREAT CITY OF AVALON, THE HONORABLE RALPH MORROW AND THE
25 CHIEF OF THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, STEVEN HOEFS. AND I WANT



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1 TO WELCOME THEM HERE. AS YOU KNOW, IN JUNE OF 2004, THE SAFE
2 HAVEN TASK FORCE PUT FORTH 12 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ALLOW WOMEN TO PASS ON THEIR NEWBORN
4 BABIES WITHOUT PENALTY, NO SHAME, NO BLAME WITHIN 72 HOURS.
5 THE COUNTY FIRE OFFICES STARTED IT IN THE CITY OF L.A.,
6 EXPANDED NOW, I THINK WE'RE UP-- THIS WILL BE THE 28TH CITY
7 HAS NOW COME ON BOARD TO BE A PART OF OUR SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM.
8 I ALSO WANTED TO MENTION TO RALPH, THOUGH, YOU KNOW, IN
9 AVALON, IF YOU GO TO AVALON AND YOU HAVE A TIE. TRADITION IS,
10 YOU CUT IT OFF. RALPH'S HERE WITH A TIE TODAY. I WOULDN'T DO
11 THAT, RALPH, BUT YOU DID IT TO ONE OF MINE. I JUST WANTED TO
12 GET YOU BACK. BUT-- THE LAST TIME I WORE A TIE TO AVALON.
13 SERIOUSLY, TO THE MAYOR AND TO THE FIRE CHIEF, WE WANT TO SAY
14 A HEARTFELT THANKS, NOT ONLY ON BEHALF OF ALL OF OUR CITIZENS
15 OF THE COUNTY BUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE MORE LIVES. AND SO
16 WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE CITY OF AVALON COMING ON BOARD TO BE
17 A PART OF OUR SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM.

18

19 **HONORABLE RALPH MORROW:** THANK YOU, DON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
20 AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PUTTING THIS
21 PROGRAM TOGETHER. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT IT HAD TO BE PUT
22 TOGETHER BUT IT'S HERE AND WE APPRECIATE IT AND WE'LL DO OUR
23 PART. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO-- SUPERVISOR BURKE, I'M
2 GOING TO ALLOW YOU TO DO NEXT, BUT, FIRST OF ALL, WE'D LIKE TO
3 DO A PHOTO WITH THE ENTIRE BOARD WITH MR. NOYES AND MRS.
4 NOYES.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YVONNE?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP VICTORIA
9 ROWELL AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF "THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS"
10 AND OF SONY/CBS. OFTEN, THE ONLY TIMES STORIES ABOUT THE
11 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY APPEAR IN THE MEDIA
12 IS WHEN SOMETHING HAS GONE WRONG. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
13 IT'S EASY TO FORGET THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE SUCCESS STORIES
14 THAN FAILURES, AND THAT THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN
15 CARED FOR UNDER THE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM CONSIDER THEIR
16 EXPERIENCE A BLESSING. TODAY, I'M VERY PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE
17 THE WORK OF ROWELL FOSTER CHILDREN'S POSITIVE PLAN AND THE
18 YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS AND SONY/CBS FOR CREATING A STORY LINE
19 THAT ACCURATELY AND POWERFULLY PORTRAYS THE FOSTER CARE
20 EXPERIENCE IN THE AWARD- WINNING DAYTIME SERIES. THE FOUNDER
21 AND CHAIR OF A POSITIVE PLAN IS, OF COURSE, THE FAMOUS
22 ACTRESS, VICTORIA ROWELL. SHE IS ONE OF THE FEW STARS THAT HAS
23 NOT ONE BUT TWO HIT TELEVISION SERIES THAT ARE ON THE AIR AT
24 THE SAME TIME. YOU SEE HER IN "THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS," IN
25 THE PRIME TIME SERIES, "DIAGNOSIS MURDER", WHICH IS NOW IN



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1 SYNDICATION. SHE'S A PROUD PRODUCT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM,
2 AND HER PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS, AS WELL AS THE LOVELY PERSON SHE
3 IS, SAY MORE FOR THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM THAN MANY THOUSAND
4 WORDS, AND I WANT TO JUST SAY PERSONALLY, THE FACT THAT YOU
5 HAVE GONE ON TO ORGANIZE, RAISE MONEY TO HELP CHILDREN IN
6 FOSTER CARE IS SUCH A TRIBUTE TO YOU AS A PERSON, AN
7 INSPIRATION TO OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THIS SYSTEM THAT
8 THEY HAVE A FUTURE AND THAT MANY GOOD THINGS CAN HAPPEN. AND
9 SHE HAS TESTIFIED ON BEHALF OF FOSTER CARE BEFORE CONGRESS,
10 AND IT'S CERTAINLY MY PLEASURE TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO
11 HER. EVERY YEAR, SHE HAS A BIG EVENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR THIS
12 FOUNDATION, TO MAKE SURE THAT FOSTER CHILDREN GET THOSE EXTRA
13 THINGS THAT ARE SO NECESSARY. VICTORIA? CONGRATULATIONS TO
14 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO SAY THAT WE HAVE A LETTER
17 FROM CBS, FROM BARBARA BLOOM, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, WHO COULD
18 NOT BE HERE, BUT SHE SAYS THAT SHE HAS MET VICTORIA VERY
19 RECENTLY, BUT SHE HAS SEEN HER DEEP AND STRONG PASSION AND HER
20 PASSION AS A ARTIST, HER PASSION FOR LIFE AND HER PASSION FOR
21 THE CHILDREN OF FOSTER CARE, AND SHE APPLAUDS "THE YOUNG AND
22 RESTLESS" FOR JOINING ITS REMARKABLE TALENTS WITH THE PASSION
23 OF VICTORIA ROWELL AND EMBRACING THE CAUSE OF FOSTER CHILDREN.
24 AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BY HER. I'D ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE
25 JACK S. SMITH, CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AND CO-HEAD WRITER OF



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1 "THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS," MARGARET WAYNE, CBS DIRECTOR OF
2 DAYTIME PROGRAMMING; JOHN FISHER, COORDINATING PRODUCER, THE
3 YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS; ELYSE ROMBERG, DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY,
4 CBS; ALICIA JOHNSON, WHO IS ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR; AND
5 JOSH O'CONNELL, ASSOCIATE PRODUCER, WHO ARE ALL HERE WITH US.
6 VICTORIA? AND LET ME PRODUCE-- I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT-- PRESENT
7 THIS TO SONY PICTURES FOR GIVING THE KIND OF RECOGNITION TO
8 THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND MAKING PEOPLE KNOW THAT THERE ARE A
9 LOT OF GOOD STORIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **VICTORIA ROWELL:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR
12 YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE. I'D LIKE TO THANK ALSO THE CELEBRITY
13 PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE, SOPHONYA SIMPSON. WOULD YOU PLEASE
14 STAND. PAUL WATSON, THANK YOU SO MUCH, FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK. [
15 APPLAUSE]

16

17 **VICTORIA ROWELL:** I'M SO PROUD OF THIS WORK THAT SONY/CBS HAS
18 EMBRACED, AND ESPECIALLY HEAD CO-WRITER AND ALSO EXECUTIVE
19 PRODUCER, JACK SMITH, FOR BELIEVING IN THIS KIND OF
20 STORYTELLING WHICH IS AUTHENTIC AND NECESSARY WITH 542,000
21 FOSTER CHILDREN IN THE NATION TODAY, OF COURSE, WITH THE
22 LARGEST POPULATION OF FOSTER YOUTH IN THE WORLD HERE IN THE
23 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO I AM INDEBTED TO THIS COMMITMENT AND I
24 WILL NOW PASS THE MIKE ON TO JACK SMITH, OUR CO-HEAD WRITER. [
25 APPLAUSE]



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2 **JACK SMITH:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF WILLIAM BELL, SONY, CBS,
3 I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS
4 OPPORTUNITY AND FOR THIS HONOR. VICTORIA CAME INTO MY OFFICE
5 ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND PITCHED THE STORY OF DEVON, THE FOSTER
6 CHILD, AND WE TALKED ABOUT IT AND I BECAME VERY INSPIRED BY
7 HER STORY AND WE HAVE CREATED A CHARACTER WHO PORTRAYS THE
8 CHALLENGES AND THE REWARDS OF FOSTER CARE. AND WE ARE HONORED
9 TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT AND WE THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR. [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **DR. DAVID B. SANDERS:** I JUST WANT TO THANK SONY/CBS FOR
13 INCLUDING THE STORY LINE OF FOSTER CARE IN "THE YOUNG AND THE
14 RESTLESS". I THINK IT SHOWED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF COURAGE
15 AND, AS SUPERVISOR BURKE MENTIONED, IT INDICATES THE POSITIVE
16 STORIES THAT DO EXIST. AND ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR
17 THEIR RECOGNITION AND SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF
18 VICTORIA ROWELL AND THEN, OF COURSE, PERSONALLY, TO THINK MS.
19 ROWELL, WHO I'VE WORKED WITH OVER THE LAST YEAR, AND SHE HAS
20 DONE JUST A REMARKABLE JOB. IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERT
21 AND SUPPORTER OF FOSTER CARE, AS SUPERVISOR BURKE MENTIONED,
22 HAS TESTIFIED TO CONGRESS, HAS DONE JUST A REMARKABLE JOB AND
23 REALLY PLEASED THAT SHE PUSHED TO HAVE THIS STORY INCLUDED.
24 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** A LITTLE LIGHTNING STORM UP HERE.

2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE NEXT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
5 DAVE NICHOLS, WHO IS THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF SBC
6 COMMUNICATIONS INCORP, WHICH RECENTLY SPONSORED THE 2004 SBC
7 CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT AT THE VALENCIA COUNTRY CLUB. THIS WAS
8 HELD FROM MARCH 8TH THROUGH THE 14TH, AND IT RAISED MORE THAN
9 \$100,000 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES, INCLUDING THE GIRLS AND BOYS
10 CLUB OF SANTA CLARITA, THE HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL
11 HOSPITAL, THE PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION AND THE LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION. SBC COMMUNICATIONS HAVE MATCHED
13 LAST YEAR'S DONATIONS OF \$15,000 TO THE L.A. COUNTY JUNIOR
14 GOLF FOUNDATION. THEY ALSO HELPED THE FOUNDATION RAISE AN
15 ADDITIONAL \$12,500 THROUGH TICKET SALES. THE PROGRAM, AS WE
16 KNOW, WITH JUNIOR GOLF, INTRODUCES YOUNGSTERS TO OUR 17 COUNTY
17 GOLF FACILITIES AS WELL AS EXPOSING THEM TO VALUABLE LIFE
18 PRINCIPLES WHICH INCLUDE INTEGRITY, HONOR, DEDICATION, AND
19 COMMITMENT. SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN JUNE OF 2002, THE
20 FOUNDATION HAS PROVIDED EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUCTION TO MORE THAN
21 900 PARTICIPATING YOUNG PEOPLE. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF
22 LOS ANGELES, WE'D LIKE TO GIVE DAVE THIS PROCLAMATION AND WISH
23 HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **DAVE NICHOLS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF
2 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF
3 ALL THE DISTRICTS FOR THE SBC CLASSIC AND I'M HERE TO ANNOUNCE
4 ALSO THAT, WITH ALL YOUR SUPPORT, WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE A
5 250,000-DOLLAR COMMITMENT TO THE HENRY MAYO NEWHALL HOSPITAL
6 OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS FROM THE BENEFITS OF THE GOLF
7 TOURNAMENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A BACK TO THE FUTURE, OUR FORMER
10 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, DAWSON OPPENHEIMER, WHO PROVES THAT
11 THERE WERE HONEST JOURNALISTS AT ONE TIME, AND HE'S BACK FROM
12 FLORIDA FROM HIS RETIREMENT. HIS SON, BRANSON, WAS BAR
13 MITZVAHED ON SATURDAY AT TEMPLE SINAI IN GLENDALE, AND IT WAS
14 A BEAUTIFUL TWO AND A HALF HOUR CEREMONY. AND HE'S DOING WELL
15 AND WE JUST WANT TO WISH HIM WELL.

16

17 **DAWSON OPPENHEIMER:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S ALWAYS GLAD--
18 I'M ALWAYS GLAD TO BE BACK HERE. I NOTICED THAT THE
19 INTRODUCTIONS, AND I THOUGHT THERE WAS NO WAY TO GET THEM
20 LONGER THAN THEY USED TO BE, BUT THEY HAVE FOOLED ME, THEY'RE
21 LONGER. I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE ANY OF THE TIME, AND IT'S JUST
22 GOOD TO BE HERE AND I THANK GOD THAT-- FOR THE 10 YEARS I HAD
23 WITH MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
24 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 81. NOW I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AN
2 INDIVIDUAL WHO'S BEEN REALLY A STRONG ASSET OF MINE IN THE
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SHE'S A
4 RESIDENT OF PASADENA AND A REAL DEDICATED INDIVIDUAL TO
5 COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND THAT'S LINDA MARGARET JENKINS, WHO IS
6 STEPPING DOWN AS MY COMMISSIONER OF THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS
7 SERVICES AUTHORITY AFTER SEVEN MONTHS OF SERVICE. SHE WAS
8 APPOINTED TO THIS AUTHORITY IN OCTOBER OF 2003 AND HAS
9 FAITHFULLY PERFORMED HER DUTIES WITH INTEGRITY AND
10 PROFESSIONALISM. SHE'S ONE OF THE INITIAL FOUNDERS OF THE
11 UNION STATION FOUNDATION, THE FIRST OVERNIGHT SHELTER FOR
12 HOMELESS IN PASADENA, AND ALSO A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE
13 PASADENA HOUSING ALLIANCE, NOW CALLED THE PACIFIC HOUSING
14 ALLIANCE. SHE'S A COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONSULTANT, PROFESSIONAL
15 VOLUNTEER WITH EXTENSIVE SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE WITH HOMELESS
16 ISSUES. SHE'S AFFILIATED, AS I SAID, WITH THE UNION STATION
17 FOUNDATION, AND THAT'S REALLY A PRIVATE ENTITY, USING THE
18 FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY GROUPS TO HELP THESE INDIVIDUALS, THE
19 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, THE PASADENA CITY COLLEGE, PARENT
20 TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION AND WAS NAMED THE VOLUNTEER OF THE
21 YEAR IN OCTOBER 2001 FOR THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION. SO,
22 AT THIS TIME, LINDA, WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU AS YOU'RE GOING
23 TO BE MOVING ON, BUT WE WISH YOU WERE STAYING IN OUR COUNTY
24 AND KEEPING YOUR REGISTRATION AND VOTING HERE BECAUSE WE NEED



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1 YOUR PARTICIPATION, BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
2 DEDICATION AND SERVICE, AND GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SAY SOMETHING.

5

6 **LINDA MARGARET JENKINS:** OH, SURE. THREE THINGS. FIRST, THANK
7 YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING THE COUNTY.
8 SECOND, IF THE COUNTY HAD NOT GIVE US A SEWER PERMIT IN 1979,
9 I WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY, WOULD NOT KNOW HOW THE COUNTY
10 WORKED, AND, THIRD, WHEN-- THIS IS TO THE SUPERVISORS, WHEN
11 THE BUDGET IS FLUSH, FIRST REMEMBER THE POOR, ESPECIALLY THE
12 WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AND WHEN THE BUDGET IS NOT FLUSH, FIRST
13 REMEMBER THE POOR, THE WOMEN AND THE CHILDREN. THANK YOU. [
14 APPLAUSE] (OFF-MIKE CONVERSATION)

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME SOME OF OUR
17 GREAT STUDENTS FROM CHATSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL, THE HIGH SCHOOL
18 THAT HAS PROVIDED A GREAT BASEBALL TEAM, THE HIGH SCHOOL
19 CHANCELLORS VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM, WHO ARE BACK-TO-BACK C.I.F.
20 AND CITY SECTION BASEBALL CHAMPIONS FOR THIS YEAR. DESPITE
21 HAVING LOST SEVEN STARTERS FROM LAST YEAR'S TEAM AND STARTING
22 TWO FRESHMEN, THE CHANCELLORS HOLD A STATE RECORD WITH 50
23 CONSECUTIVE WINS AND A SEASON RECORD OF 35 VICTORIES AND NO
24 LOSSES. THEY BEAT TEAMS FROM NORBORNE, SYLMAR AND KENNEDY ON
25 THE WAY TO THE L.A. CITY SECTION FINALS WHICH WAS HELD AT



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1 DODGER STADIUM ON JUNE 8TH, AND THEN THEY DEFEATED NUMBER TWO,
2 SAN PEDRO, BY A SCORE OF 7-TO-1, CLINCHING THE PROGRAM'S FIRST
3 BACK-TO-BACK CITY TITLES AND A PROBABLE REPEAT AS NATIONAL
4 CHAMPION. THIS YEAR'S CITY CHAMPIONSHIP IS CHATSWORTH'S SIXTH
5 OVERALL AND THIRD IN FOUR YEARS. THEIR HEAD COACH, TOM
6 NEWSBORN, IS THE L.A. TIMES 2004 COACH OF THE YEAR, ALSO NAMED
7 BOTH U.S.A. TODAY NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR AND BASEBALL
8 COACHES ASSOCIATION COACH OF THE YEAR IN 2003. SO LET ME GIVE
9 THESE PROCLAMATIONS AT THIS TIME, FIRST TO HEAD COACH TOM
10 NEWSBORN. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ASSISTANT COACH, CHUCK HATSFIELD. [APPLAUSE
13]

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ASSISTANT COACH, FRED PRUDETH. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ASSISTANT COACH, STEWART SELLS. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TOM NORLOCK. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MATT DOMINGUEZ. [APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** METUAL PUTEI. [APPLAUSE]

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JONATHAN O'LEARY. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ZACH O'SHINE. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MIKE MUSTAKAS. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CARLOS NEHAR. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OSCAR GUTIERREZ. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** STACEY BARKER. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MICHAEL FERNANDEZ. [APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOMAS CASSIDY. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILLIE CABRERA. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JASON DOMINGUEZ. [APPLAUSE]

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADRIENNE PERERRA. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JOSH RUBIN. [APPLAUSE]

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OLIVER PADRE. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COACH, DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? TOM?

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3 **TOM MEUSBORN, COACH:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD
4 SUPERVISORS, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THE
5 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THESE YOUNG MEN, WHAT THEY ACHIEVED THIS
6 YEAR, NOT ONLY THIS YEAR, BUT THE PAST YEAR AS WELL. WE SET A
7 STATE RECORD FOR 50 CONSECUTIVE WINS, 35 THIS YEAR, 15 LAST
8 YEAR. OUR OVERALL RECORD THE LAST TWO YEARS IS 68-AND-1. SO
9 PRETTY SPECIAL. THEY ARE ALSO VERY SPECIAL YOUNG MEN IN THE
10 CLASSROOM AS WELL, WHICH WE CONSTANTLY MONITOR. SO I'M VERY
11 PROUD OF OUR CHANCELLORS, OF OUR SCHOOL. THEY DID AN
12 OUTSTANDING JOB REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL, THE COMMUNITY, THE
13 STATE, AND QUITE A SPECIAL YEAR.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY LITTLE BOY JUST STARTED TEE BALL THIS
16 YEAR, THE YANKEES TEE BALL, SO, FEW YEARS, HOPEFULLY, HE'LL BE
17 ABLE TO FOLLOW YOU GUYS AS YOUR EXAMPLE. LET'S TAKE A PICTURE.
18 [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE TONY, WHO IS SEVEN WEEKS
21 OLD. THIS LITTLE BOY, HE'S BLACK AND WHITE DOMESTIC SHORT
22 HAIR, AND LOOKING FOR A HOME. WOULD BE A NICE MASCOT TO A
23 BASEBALL TEAM, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT
24 TONY. [MEOW] DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? SEE EVERYBODY? [
25 MEOW] SO THOSE AT HOME WATCHING CAN CALL (562)728-4644, OR



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1 THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE LITTLE TONY. VERY
2 LOVEABLE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WE COULD ASK THE SIDES
5 HERE TO QUIET DOWN. SHHH. [GAVEL]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M WAITING FOR MY
10 AWARDEE. SUPPOSED TO BE WALKING DOWN THE STAIRS. MAYBE WE
11 COULD WAIT A SECOND.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ZEV, GO AHEAD.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M GOING TO GIVE THIS TO YOU.
16 WE WERE EXPECTING WILLIE B. WILSON TO COME DOWN FROM THE SAN
17 FERNANDO VALLEY TODAY. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, BUT
18 I HOPE NOTHING SERIOUS, BUT I'M GOING TO ASK THE VICE
19 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, ANGIE
20 PAPADAKOS, TO ACCEPT THIS ON HIS BEHALF, AND SHE'LL MAKE SURE
21 IT GETS DELIVERED TO HIM. WILLIE WILSON OF WEST HILLS IN OUR
22 DISTRICT HAS CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN 17 YEARS OF DEDICATED
23 VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO HAMLEN STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
24 CANOGA PARK. HE'S PROVIDED COUNTLESS OF HOURS OF ASSISTANCE IN
25 NETWORKING CLASSROOM COMPUTERS, INSTALLING SOFTWARE FOR THE



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1 ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM AND TROUBLESHOOTING PROBLEMS IN THE
2 COMPUTER LAB. ACCORDING TO TAMMY WISER, THE ASSISTANT
3 PRINCIPAL, IT'S DIFFICULT TO PUT INTO WORDS THE IMPACT THAT
4 WILLIE HAS HAD AT HAMLIN SCHOOL. HE WAS NOMINATED BY THE PTSA,
5 DISTRICT 31, AS PARENT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AND WENT ON TO BE
6 SELECTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION IN ALL
7 FIVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY P.T.A. DISTRICTS AS THE LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY PARENT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR FOR 2004. SO WE WANTED TO
9 PRESENT THIS RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
10 RECOGNIZING THIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS
11 THAT WILLIE B. WILSON HAS MADE AND DEDICATED SERVICE THAT HE
12 HAS SHOWN TO HAMLEN SCHOOL AND TO THE SCHOOLS IN GENERAL, AND
13 BEST WISHES ARE EXTENDED TO HIM. SO, ANGIE, IF YOU'LL ACCEPT
14 THIS ON WILLIE'S BEHALF AND THANK HIM FOR US, AND THANK YOU
15 FOR YOUR GREAT SERVICE AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

16

17 **ANGIE PAPADAKOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ON BEHALF OF OF THE LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND OUR BOARD PRESIDENT,
19 LESLIE GILBERT LORRI, WHO COULD NOT BE HERE, I AM PROUD TO
20 ACCEPT THIS FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY, NOT JUST-- HE'S A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHAT A
22 PARENT CAN DO AND WHAT A VOLUNTEER CAN DO TO MAKE THINGS
23 BETTER. AND I DO ACCEPT IT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SUPERVISOR
2 MOLINA?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AS YOU PROBABLY-- SOME
5 OF YOU MAY KNOW, I'M GOING TO BE LOSING A STAFF PERSON,
6 SOME... [LAUGHTER]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...SOMEBODY VERY IMPORTANT IN OUR OFFICE TO ALL
9 OF US. WE ALL WORK AS A TEAM IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, WHETHER IT
10 BE OUT IN THE FIELD OR HERE IN OUR DOWNTOWN OFFICE, BUT MIGUEL
11 SANTANA'S HAD A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUT TO ATTEND HARVARD.
12 HE'S GOING TO BE ATTENDING THE KENNEDY SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND,
13 AS I SAID TO HIM AND TO OTHERS, IT'S NOT ONLY WHAT HE WILL
14 BENEFIT FROM, BUT I THINK THAT HE WILL ALSO BENEFIT THE
15 INSTITUTION AS WELL WITH HIS KEEN INSIGHT AND HIS ABILITY. HE
16 HAS PROVIDED TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP IN OUR OFFICE, NOT ONLY TO
17 ME, BUT TO THE OTHER STAFF MEMBERS ON MANY AN ISSUE, AND SO
18 HIS LEADERSHIP IS INVALUABLE. AND I THINK THAT, AS HE WORKS
19 WITH HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE C.A.O.'S
20 OFFICE, EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS AND REALLY APPRECIATES THE KIND
21 OF TALENT AND CAPABILITY THAT MIGUEL HAS TO OFFER. I THINK HE
22 LEAVES US, FINALLY, TOMORROW, AND I THINK HE'S DRIVING BACK
23 THIS WEEK. WE'RE GOING TO GET TO WORK TOGETHER A LITTLE BIT
24 MORE DURING THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION BUT THEN, AFTER THAT,
25 HIS FAMILY'S GOING TO JOIN HIM IN BOSTON AND HE'S GOING TO BE



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1 STARTING SCHOOL SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AND I'M SURE IT WILL BE A
2 VERY INTENSIVE YEAR. OF COURSE, ALL OF US HAVE THE HOPE THAT,
3 AFTER HE FINISHES THAT, HE'LL BE ABLE TO COME BACK AND JOIN
4 US, BUT WE'LL SEE. BUT I DID WANT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY. WE
5 DID WANT TO HAVE A VERY SPECIAL CELEBRATION, AND WE WILL, BUT,
6 AT THIS TIME, I'D ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT HIM WITH, BELIEVE IT OR
7 NOT, HE'S BEEN HERE MORE THAN 10 YEARS WITH ME, SO HE GETS A
8 10-YEAR PIN WITH THE COUNTY. SO, MIGUEL, ON BEHALF OF THE
9 COUNTY, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU'VE
10 PROVIDED IN YOUR LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF MY OFFICE. I CAN'T
11 THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE AND ALL THAT YOU
12 PROVIDED US, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, ALL WE CAN DO IS WISH YOU
13 THE VERY BEST. EVERYONE HERE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU REGULARLY,
14 BE IN TOUCH AND KNOW HOW IT'S GOING FOR YOU. AND IF YOU EVER
15 NEED US, YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT WE'RE RIGHT THERE FOR YOU.
16 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE MIGUEL SAYS A WORD--
19 FIRST OF ALL, I THINK IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FAR MORE APPROPRIATE
20 IF YOU'D GIVEN HIM A 25-YEAR PIN, BECAUSE WORKING FOR YOU FOR
21 10 YEARS IS LIKE 25 YEARS FOR THE REST OF US. [LAUGHTER]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, WHAT I LIKE IS HE GET A 10-YEAR PIN
24 WITH A CROSS ON IT. [LAUGHTER] [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M JUST SO
2 HAPPY FOR YOU. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. GLORIA SAID IT
3 RIGHT. IT'S NOT ONLY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU, BUT IT'S AN
4 OPPORTUNITY FOR HARVARD AND THE KENNEDY SCHOOL, AND YOU'RE
5 GOING TO HAVE A GREAT, GREAT EXPERIENCE THERE, AND IT'S--
6 STAFFS ARE EVERYTHING AROUND HERE, AND IF THE REST OF US JUST
7 SHOW UP AND RELY ON THE STAFF WORK AND YOU HAVE BEEN AN
8 EXEMPLARY STAFF MEMBER, NOT ONLY FOR YOUR BOSS, BUT YOU ALSO
9 HAVE BEEN LOYAL TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND TO THE PEOPLE
10 OF THIS COUNTY, AND THAT'S A VERY DIFFICULT COMBINATION FOR
11 ANY OF OUR STAFFS. AND I JUST WANT TO SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR
12 SERVICE TO US AND WISH YOU WELL. I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO
13 SEEING HOW IT ALL TURNS OUT, MIGUEL. GOOD LUCK.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND, MIGUEL, WE REALLY, I'VE ENJOYED-- I'VE
16 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, BOTH AS A STAFF PERSON TO WORK WITH YOU,
17 AS WELL AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, AND YOU'VE BEEN A CLASS ACT
18 ALL THE WAY AND I'VE ENJOYED EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND WISH YOU
19 THE VERY, VERY BEST. IT'S AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY AND WE'RE
20 REALLY PROUD OF YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO JOIN AND SAY LOTS OF LUCK AND
23 IT'S A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO THERE
24 TO THE KENNEDY SCHOOL. I TELL YOU, THE WINTERS, THOUGH, ARE
25 TOUGH! BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL ADJUST. BUT LOTS OF LUCK TO YOU AND



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1 YOU'RE GOING TO BRING BACK TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES A
2 GREAT DEAL OF INSIGHT AND EXPERIENCE FROM BEING ABLE TO
3 PARTICIPATE IN THAT PROGRAM. AND I KNOW YOUR FAMILY WILL ENJOY
4 IT AS WELL. WE'LL MISS YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING AT THE
7 KENNEDY SCHOOL AT HARVARD AS WELL, AND YOU'RE GOING TO ENJOY
8 THE OPPORTUNITY AND INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH A NUMBER OF
9 PEOPLE. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL SETTING AND IT DOES SNOW IN
10 MASSACHUSETTS, BUT-- AND GETTING FROM LOGAN AIRPORT TO THE
11 CAMPUS IS-- ALTHOUGH I WAS THERE BEFORE THEY PUT IN THE NEW
12 TUNNEL, BUT HOPEFULLY THE NEW TUNNEL WILL BE WORKING, BUT,
13 ANYWAY, YOU'RE GOING TO ENJOY. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING
14 WITH YOU. MY STAFF HAS ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH
15 YOU AS WELL.

16

17 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WELL, THANK YOU. THIS WAS
18 REALLY A SURPRISE. WHEN GLORIA CALLED ME UP, I WAS, LIKE,
19 "GOD, EVEN INTO MY LAST HOURS I GET CALLED DOWN!" [LAUGHTER]

20

21 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** BUT THIS IS REALLY INCREDIBLE. YOU KNOW, IT'S
22 FUNNY THAT I'M GOING TO THIS PLACE, TO THE KENNEDY SCHOOL,
23 BECAUSE THE MOST PERFECT LAB FOR HOW GOVERNMENT WORKS IS
24 REALLY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NOT JUST THE FACT THAT IT'S
25 THE LARGEST GOVERNMENT AND BASICALLY HANDLES VIRTUALLY EVERY



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1 ISSUE IMAGINABLE, BUT IT REALLY IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW
2 GOVERNMENT CAN WORK AND DESPITE, YOU KNOW, THE OCCASIONAL
3 TENSIONS WITHIN OUR FAMILY AT THE COUNTY, OVERALL, THIS COUNTY
4 IS VERY WELL SERVED, AND WELL SERVED BY THE FIVE MEMBERS OF
5 THIS BOARD. EACH ONE OF YOU CONTRIBUTE YOUR UNIQUE
6 PERSONALITIES, YOUR STRENGTHS, YOUR UNIQUE INTERESTS, AND IT'S
7 HARD TO IMAGINE THIS COUNTY RUNNING AS EFFECTIVELY AS IT DOES
8 TODAY WITHOUT THE FIVE MEMBERS THAT SIT HERE TODAY. WE ARE
9 VERY FORTUNATE, AS RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY, TO HAVE EACH AND
10 EVERY ONE OF YOU BE PART OF THIS BOARD AND I THINK WE SHOULD
11 ALL THANK YOU FOR THAT. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT WE'RE VERY
12 FORTUNATE FOR THE TEAM THAT THIS COUNTY OPERATES, THE 95,000
13 PEOPLE THAT ARE PART OF THIS TEAM. EACH ONE KNOWS THEIR
14 RESPONSIBILITY, EACH ONE MAKES A CONTRIBUTION. WE'RE VERY
15 FORTUNATE TO HAVE DAVID JANSSEN AS SOMEONE WHO PROVIDES THE
16 STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE, THAT CREATES HARMONY AMONG
17 THIS BOARD, THAT CREATES A FOUNDATION OF WHICH WORK COULD
18 PROCEED FORWARD ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY. AND
19 I ALSO WANTED TO SAY A FEW REMARKS ON THE-- ABOUT THE STAFF IN
20 THE FIRST DISTRICT. IT'S BEEN A REAL HONOR WORKING WITH THEM.
21 OUR OFFICE IS VERY MUCH LIKE A FAMILY. I KNOW WE'RE SORT OF
22 LOOKED AT SORT OF IN A FUNNY WAY, THE WAY WE MOVE IN PACKS AND
23 GO TO LUNCH TOGETHER AND HANG OUT TOGETHER, BUT WE REALLY ARE
24 A FAMILY IN OUR OFFICE. WE REALLY GENUINELY CARE ABOUT EACH
25 OTHER AND WE RESPECT EACH OTHER VERY MUCH. I REALLY ENJOYED



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1 BEING PART OF THAT TEAM, AND THE RESIDENTS ARE VERY LUCKY TO
2 HAVE THEM. WHEN I DECIDED TO DO THIS, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY, THE
3 FIRST PERSON I TOLD WAS MY WIFE AND SHE'S BEEN ABSOLUTELY
4 SUPPORTIVE IN THIS EFFORT, AS HAVE MY FOUR DAUGHTERS. SHE
5 STILL WONDERS WHY I'M DOING IT BUT SHE STILL IS VERY HAPPY TO
6 ALLOW US TO DO THIS CHALLENGE. AND I ALSO, WHEN I TOLD GLORIA,
7 YOU KNOW, I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO BE A HARD CONVERSATION TO
8 HAVE, BUT I ALSO KNEW THAT SHE WAS GOING TO BE SUPPORTIVE. SHE
9 IMMEDIATELY SAID, ABSOLUTELY. SHE'S BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE EVERY
10 STEP ALONG THE WAY. SHE WROTE ME THIS INCREDIBLE LETTER OF
11 RECOMMENDATION THAT SHE INSISTED ON WRITING HERSELF. EVEN TO
12 THESE LAST DAYS HERE, I THINK THAT HER SUPPORT HAS BEEN
13 INVALUABLE AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO LEAVE THIS
14 PLACE WITH THE PEACE OF MIND THAT THINGS WERE GOING TO BE OKAY
15 IN OUT OFFICE, DESPITE THE TRANSITIONS THAT WE'RE GOING
16 THROUGH, SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. I APPRECIATE
17 EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE TAUGHT ME AS A STAFFER AND AS A PERSON,
18 YOUR COMMITMENT AND THE VALUES THAT YOU SHARE ON HOW
19 GOVERNMENT SHOULD WORK. YOU KNOW, PEOPLE SAY THAT-- I'VE HEARD
20 PEOPLE SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO CRITICIZES
21 GOVERNMENT AND WHO IS OUT TO DESTROY GOVERNMENT. AND, HAVING
22 WORKED WITH YOU FOR 10 YEARS, IT'S ACTUALLY THE OPPOSITE. YOU
23 ARE-- HOLD GOVERNMENT TO A VERY HIGH STANDARD. YOU BELIEVE
24 THAT GOVERNMENT CAN AND SHOULD DO BETTER, AND SOME PEOPLE, YOU
25 KNOW, WHEN THINGS DON'T GO THE WAY THEY SHOULD, OFTEN SAY,



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1 "WELL, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT, IT'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT?" YOU KNOW,
2 THAT'S SORT OF THE STANDARD, AND YOU REFUSE TO SUCCUMB TO THAT
3 NOTION. YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO RELY ON
4 GOVERNMENT DESERVE THE VERY BEST, AND THAT LESSON IS THE MOST
5 VALUABLE LESSON I COULD LEARN, MORE VALUABLE THAN WHAT I LEARN
6 AT THE KENNEDY SCHOOL. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS
7 RECOGNITION AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU IN
8 THE FUTURE. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN JUST INDULGE. WILLIE
13 B. WILSON HAS SHOWN UP AND I WANT TO JUST INTRODUCE HIM TO THE
14 BOARD.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO. IS WILLIE HERE?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE ARE YOU, WILLIE? COME ON UP HERE.
19 ANGIE PAPADAKOS TOOK YOUR RESOLUTION, BUT I WANTED TO
20 PERSONALLY THANK WILLIE, WHO HAS BEEN A PARENT VOLUNTEER AT
21 HAMLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CANOGA PARK, IS A RESIDENT OF WEST
22 HILLS, AND WHEN WE GET THAT ORANGE LINE BUILT, YOU WON'T BE
23 STUCK IN TRAFFIC ON THE 101, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PICK IT UP
24 RIGHT THERE. BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, THANK YOU FOR
25 YOUR DEDICATION TO THE KIDS, AND WE WANTED TO HONOR YOU TODAY.



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2 **WILLIE B. WILSON:** MY PLEASURE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY...

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO ASK WILLIE TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS.
7 COME HERE. I'M SORRY, DON. THIS IS IT FOR ME.

8

9 **WILLIE WILSON:** THEY DIDN'T TELL ME I HAD TO DO A SPEECH BUT
10 THAT'S OKAY. VOLUNTEERISM IS VERY CLOSE TO MY HEART AND I'M
11 THANKING THE COUNTY FOR THIS HONOR AS WELL AS THE SCHOOL
12 DISTRICTS WHO NOMINATED ME. IT WAS QUITE A SURPRISE TO BE
13 NOMINATED BY MY VICE PRINCIPAL, AND THEN TO GO AHEAD TO WIN
14 THE AWARD AND BE HONORED AMONGST THE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR,
15 WHOM I SUPPORT. AND SO JUST TO GIVE A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO
16 PARENTS, TO FATHERS OUT THERE WHO THINK THAT VOLUNTEERISM IS
17 BEYOND THEM, MAYBE LET'S JUST GO TO WORK AND SUPPORT IN THAT
18 WAY, BUT IF WE HAVE TALENTS, IF WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S CLOSE
19 TO OUR HEART THAT WE KNOW THAT OUR KIDS NEED, WE CAN GIVE IT
20 TO THEM IN VOLUNTEERISM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE?

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL JHAYNE M.
25 EDDY, OFFICER AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF A FATHER'S HEART"



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1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND WEALTH OF NATIONS, FOUNDATION FORWARD.
2 THE WEALTH OF NATION FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED IN THE YEAR 2000
3 BY JHAYNE EDDY, AN ATTORNEY WHO FORMERLY WORKED IN THE PUBLIC
4 DEFENDERS OFFICE. DURING HER TENURE THERE, ATTORNEY EDDY
5 ESTIMATES THAT 70% OF THE CHILDREN SHE REPRESENTED HAD NO
6 FATHER OR FATHER FIGURE INVOLVED IN THEIR LIVES. FURTHER
7 RESEARCH SHOWS THAT 85% OF CHILDREN INCARCERATED IN THE
8 JUSTICE SYSTEM HAVE NO FATHER INVOLVED AND THAT 20% OF
9 AMERICA'S CHILDREN LIVE IN FATHERLESS FAMILIES. THIS
10 WIDESPREAD FATHERLESSNESS HAS RESULTED IN INCREASED JUVENILE
11 CRIME, TEEN PREGNANCY, JUVENILE SUICIDE. WHEN THE WEALTH OF
12 NATIONS FOUNDATION WAS STARTED, THE FOUNDING MEMBERS DECIDED
13 TO FORM A FATHER'S HEART EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MADE UP OF MALE
14 COMMUNITY LEADERS TO PROVIDE PATERNAL MENTORING FOR NEEDY
15 CHILDREN. EVERY FATHER'S DAY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, A
16 FATHER'S HEART HOLDS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR CHILDREN SELECTED BY
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE PROBATION
18 DEPARTMENT, AND FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES. THIS YEAR, ABOUT
19 700 CHILDREN, BOYS AND GIRLS AND YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN UP TO THE
20 AGE OF 18, ATTENDED. A FATHER'S HEART ALSO HOLDS MENTORING
21 PROGRAMS AT JUVENILE HALL THROUGH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
22 IN RECOGNITION OF THESE COMMUNITY SERVICES, I'M VERY PLEASED
23 TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO ATTORNEY JHAYNE EDDY, FOUNDER AND A
24 FATHER'S HEART EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE WEALTH OF
25 NATIONS. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M ALSO VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO A
3 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED, AND I KNOW THAT JOHN HILL IN
4 OUR OFFICE HAS SPENT JUST A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF EFFORT AND
5 TIME IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE
6 MEMBERS OF THIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHO ARE CONTINUING TO HAVE
7 THIS PROGRAM GROW THAT CAN MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE TO COME
8 FORWARD. AND FIRST OF ALL TO YOU, JHAYNE. TO JOHN HILL. [
9 APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** AND, OF COURSE, JOHN WAS A FOSTER CHILD AND HE HAS
12 USED HIS EXPERIENCE TO TRY TO HELP OTHERS WHO HAVE THE
13 SIMILAR-- HE WAS VERY FORTUNATE. HE HAD A GREAT FOSTER HOME,
14 BUT RECOGNIZING THAT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO DON'T HAVE THAT
15 EXPERIENCE. ANDREW HENDERSON. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** TERRY WARREN. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** KARL SIMMONS. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** ROBERT BUSH. [APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** BOB? [APPLAUSE]

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25 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU.



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2 **JHAYNE EDDY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND MEMBERS OF THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR L.A. COUNTY. WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU
4 FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE FATHERLESS CHILDREN OF
5 LOS ANGELES. AS A FORMER ATTORNEY WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THOUSANDS OF AT-
7 RISK YOUTH IN L.A. COUNTY. I THINK IT WAS MOST EARTH- SHAKING
8 TO FIND THAT ANYTHING FROM PETTY THEFT ALL THE WAY TO MULTIPLE
9 MURDER, THERE WAS SOME ROOTED ISSUES WITH FATHERHOOD IN THE
10 LIVES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I THINK THE MOST HEARTBREAKING
11 INCIDENT WAS WHEN I REPRESENTED A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS A FUTURE
12 SERIAL KILLER, AND HE FIT THE PROFILE OF A SERIAL KILLER, AND
13 THEY SAID HE WOULD NOT BE A SERIAL KILLER IF HE HAD A FATHER
14 PRESENT IN HIS LIFE. IT'S MANDATORY IN ORDER FOR THE CHILDREN
15 TO BE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS, ACTIVE GANG MEMBERS, TO BE
16 SERIAL KILLERS, JUST NAME IT, DRUG ADDICTS. THERE'S A STRONG
17 CORRELATION BETWEEN NOT HAVING A FATHER AND AT-RISK YOUTH
18 BEHAVIOR AND DELINQUENCY BEHAVIOR. SO THE FATHER'S HEART
19 COMMITTEE HAS COME TOGETHER TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. AND WE ARE
20 VERY EXCITED ABOUT THESE GROUP OF MEN. THEY HAVE VISION, THEY
21 HAVE EXTRAORDINARY VISION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND
22 THEY'RE ALL LEADERS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, EVERYWHERE FROM
23 GOVERNMENT TO HOLLYWOOD, TO C.E.O.S OF CORPORATIONS, AND WE
24 HAVE SOLUTIONS INCLUDING WHY FLY, YOUR FATHER'S LOVE YOU
25 PROGRAM THAT WE DID AT THE KODAK THEATRE LAST YEAR AND AT THE



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1 BOVART AUDITORIUM, BRINGING MENTORING FOR THE KIDS AS WELL AS
2 WE'VE BEEN ASKED BY THE L.A. COUNTY COURTS TO BRING IN
3 MENTORING FOR KIDS, BOTH IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT WHERE KIDS
4 ARE FOSTER KIDS AS WELL AS IN THE DELINQUENCY PROGRAMS. WE'RE
5 ALSO EXCITED BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING FATHER'S DAY
6 FESTIVALS, BRINGING FESTIVALS, FATHERS HEART FESTIVALS TO THE
7 CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY NEXT YEAR THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND
8 THE FIVE MAJOR CITIES. IT WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM L.A. COUNTY
9 AND TWO MORE PROGRAMS THAT WE'RE WORKING ON, WHICH IS FOSTER
10 CARE REFORM, WHICH IS THE SHAVE MOVEMENT, AND IT'S GOING TO BE
11 A MOVEMENT WITHIN THE CHURCHES TO GET THE CHURCHES TO COME
12 ALONGSIDE US AND ADOPT FOSTER CARE KIDS WHO ARE READY FOR
13 ADOPTION AND TO NO LONGER BE PARENTLESS AND TO FOSTER CARE
14 KIDS. AND, FINALLY, WE'RE WORKING WITH THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE
15 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF AFRICA TO BRING A TREATMENT FOR
16 A.I.D.S. TO THE KIDS IN AFRICA AND TWO MILLION PEOPLE DIED
17 LAST YEAR AND WE'RE EXPECTING ANOTHER 20 MILLION TO DIE BY THE
18 END OF THIS DECADE. SO THIS IS THE VISION OF THE FATHER'S
19 HEART. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION UP HERE, BUT
24 THEN I'LL GO DOWN THERE TO MAKE THE ACTUAL PRESENTATION, BUT I
25 WANT TO EXPLAIN, TODAY, WE ARE GOING TO HONOR SOMEONE WHO HAD



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1 HER BIRTHDAY ALMOST A MONTH AGO, AND THAT'S MATTIE CAMPBELL,
2 WHO IS A HUNDRED YEARS OLD. SHE REACHED THAT MILESTONE AND
3 WE'RE ALWAYS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THOSE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY
4 WHO HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL LONG LIFE, AND EVEN THOUGH I
5 UNDERSTAND MRS. CAMPBELL'S DAUGHTER RECENTLY TOLD BY A
6 REPORTER AT THE DAILY BREEZE NEWSPAPER THAT THEY NO LONGER
7 CONSIDERED MAKING IT TO A HUNDRED A BIG DEAL, WELL, WE BELIEVE
8 IT'S A BIG DEAL. AND MRS. CAMPBELL GREW UP IN CENTRAL TEXAS IN
9 THE EARLY 1920S. SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE MARRIED AND MOVED TO
10 THE WEST TEXAS TOWN OF PECOS, OFFICIAL HOME OF THE WORLD'S
11 FIRST RODEO. SHE LIVED THERE FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS, RAISING
12 TWO SONS. IN 1999, PECOS RECOGNIZED HER AS ONE OF ITS OLDEST
13 LIVING AFRICAN-AMERICAN CITIZENS. PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR MRS.
14 CAMPBELL TO DONATE SOME OF HER DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOS, WHICH
15 DATE BACK TO THE EARLY 1900S, TO THE WEST OF THE PECOS MUSEUM.
16 NOW, MRS. CAMPBELL RESIDES IN THE CITY OF CARSON HERE IN LOS
17 ANGELES WITH HER GRANDDAUGHTER. I'M TOLD THAT SHE'S SLOWED
18 DOWN A LITTLE BIT, BUT SHE REGULARLY ATTENDS SERVICES AT HER
19 CHURCH, IS A MEMBER OF THE CARSON JOLLY CLUB, ATTENDS THE
20 LOCAL ACTIVE WORKSHOP AND ENJOYS ENTERTAINING FAMILY AND
21 FRIENDS AT HOME. THIS SUMMER, SHE PLANS TO PARTICIPATE AT
22 LEAST ONCE IN LOCAL SWIMMING CLASSES. HER BIRTHDAY WAS JUNE
23 21ST, BUT WE ARE BELATEDLY RECOGNIZING HER, AND I'D LIKE TO
24 TAKE THIS DOWN TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO MRS. CAMPBELL.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT! HAPPY BIRTHDAY! [APPLAUSE]

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3 **MATTIE CAMPBELL:** THIS IS MATTIE CAMPBELL, AND I WANT TO THANK
4 EVERY ONE OF YOU THAT ATTENDED MY BIRTHDAY TODAY, WHEN IT
5 COULD HAVE BEEN SEVERAL DAYS AGO. BUT I SOMETIMES BEING REALLY
6 EMPLOYED, YOU KNOW, JUST BY OBLIGATIONS, AND I WANT TO THANK
7 YOU ALL FOR HAVING ME ON THE PROGRAM TODAY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A SET ITEM FOR 11:00 A.M. WE
14 CAN GO AHEAD AND-- SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE FIRST.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD ASK THE C.A.O. SUCCINCTLY, WE WANT
17 TO GET THIS DONE SUCCINCTLY BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER ITEMS, SO
18 IF YOU COULD JUST BRING US UP TO DATE.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I WILL. ON THE HALF CENT SALES TAX. THANK YOU,
21 MR. CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND, DAVID, THE OTHER THING, TOO--
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA? I'VE HAD A REQUEST FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA
25 THAT, BEFORE WE HAVE ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY FROM THE



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1 PUBLIC OR WHATEVER IT BE, AND YOU GO THROUGH YOUR REPORT, THAT
2 WE ITEMIZE ALL THE CHANGES. IS THAT RIGHT? CHANGES,
3 AMENDMENTS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD LIKE US, TO SEE US DIALOGUE ABOUT THIS
6 ISSUE. LAST TIME, WE WENT THROUGH ALL THE TESTIMONY-- I'M
7 SORRY, MR. KNABE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. NO, THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT WE KNOW EXACTLY ALL THE AMENDMENTS THAT
12 ARE ON AND WHERE WE'RE GOING. OTHERWISE-- WE DON'T HAVE AN
13 OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND I'LL BE LEAVING A LITTLE
14 EARLY TODAY.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AGREE. I KNOW, AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO
17 MOVE THIS UP. PERHAPS, AS YOU GO THROUGH IT, YOU COULD JUST
18 BRING US TO WHERE WE ARE, THE CONTEXT, AND I'LL HELP YOU...

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** OKAY. THAT'LL BE A LITTLE LESS SUCCINCT THAN I
21 HAD INTENDED.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WILL BE WHAT?

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** A LITTLE LESS SUCCINCT THAN I HAD INTENDED.
2 LET ME GO THROUGH THE CHANGES THAT WE HAVE ALL MADE TO THE
3 ORDINANCE THAT'S BEFORE YOU THAT ARE CRITICAL. I WON'T GO
4 THROUGH ANY OF THE MINOR TECHNICAL CLEAN-UP, BECAUSE IT DID
5 REQUIRE QUITE A BIT OF CLEAN-UP WORK, JUST IN TERMS OF THE
6 LANGUAGE AND THE GRAMMAR. THE FIRST CHANGE, SUPERVISOR
7 ANTONOVICH, I THINK SUGGESTED THIS, THE ABILITY TO SUSPEND THE
8 TAX HAS BEEN MOVED UP FROM 2015 TO 2012/13. IT'S NOW A 10-YEAR
9 WINDOW INSTEAD OF A 15-YEAR WINDOW. THE M.O.E., THE
10 MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT, HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO APPLY TO THE
11 SHERIFF AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT DOES NOT APPLY TO THE OTHER
12 ENTITIES THAT ARE POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS OF THE TAX. WE HAVE-- I
13 HAVE AN AMENDED-- I HAVE A LETTER BEFORE YOU TODAY TO AMEND
14 THE FRIDAY DOCUMENT, AND I'LL JUST ADD THAT IN AS I GO
15 THROUGH. THE DOCUMENT BEFORE YOU SAID THAT A MAJORITY OF THE
16 BOARD COULD ADJUST THE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT UNDER CERTAIN
17 FINANCIAL SITUATIONS. THE RECOMMENDATION THIS MORNING IS TO
18 MAKE THAT A TWO-THIRDS, OR, EFFECTIVELY, A FOURTH-FIFTHS OF
19 THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO AGREE TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
20 MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT. THAT CHANGE IS MADE IN A COUPLE PLACES
21 IN THE ORDINANCE. THE-- IT WAS ALSO AMENDED, PURSUANT TO
22 LANGUAGE FROM SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE
23 SALES TAX MAY NOT BE USED TO MEET THE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT
24 REQUIREMENTS. THAT'S INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT. IT CLARIFIES
25 THE DEFINITION OF "COUNTY" TO MEAN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,



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1 EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF THE APPLICATION OF THE TAX WHEN IT
2 APPLIES TO THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY. THAT WAS AN ISSUE
3 THAT WAS RAISED, I THINK, BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH LAST TIME.
4 IT CLARIFIES THE DEFINITION OF "CITY" TO MEAN CHARTER OR
5 GENERAL LAW CITY. IT PROVIDES DIRECTION TO THE AUDITOR AND THE
6 DISTRIBUTION OF PARTIAL YEAR REVENUES RECEIVED IN '04/'05,
7 IT'S THE LAST QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR THAT THIS WOULD BE
8 APPLICABLE. IT CLARIFIES THAT THE ALLOCATION FORMULA IS A
9 MINIMUM OF 500,000 AND POPULATION, OR 100% OF AN ENTITY'S
10 PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR. I THINK
11 THIS, AGAIN, WAS A ISSUE RAISED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IT
12 REQUIRES THAT FUNDS UP TO 15% ALLOCATED FOR YOUTH AND ADULT
13 PROGRAMS TO PREVENT CRIME BE ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
14 FACTORS REFLECTING THE OVERALL NEED OF THE UNINCORPORATED
15 AREA, THE SUPPLIES TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREA ONLY AND NOT TO
16 THE CITIES. ADDED TWO MORE MEMBERS TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE,
17 BRINGING THE MEMBERSHIP TO 11. THIS ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED BY
18 YOUR BOARD AT THE END OF THE DISCUSSION LAST WEEK. ADDED
19 LANGUAGE THAT THE LEVY, ONCE SUSPENDED, MAY ONLY BE REINSTATED
20 BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD. AND THE OTHER CHANGE THAT I
21 AM PROPOSING THIS MORNING HAS TO DO WITH THE CALCULATION OF
22 THE INFLATER ON THE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT, AND THAT IT BE
23 INCREASED EACH YEAR NOT BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BUT
24 BASED ON THE ACTUAL GROWTH IN THE HOMELAND SECURITY ACT
25 REVENUES. LET ME STOP THERE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. MR. CHAIRMAN, WHAT I WOULD LIKE
3 TO DO IS MOVE THAT LAST ITEM THAT IS REFLECTED IN MR.
4 JANSSEN'S JULY 19TH MEMORANDUM, WHICH I THINK EVERYBODY HAS
5 AND IT DOES EXACTLY WHAT HE JUST SAID ON THE INFLATER, AND IT
6 ALSO-- IT INCLUDES THE FOURTH-FIFTHS REQUIREMENT, ALL THE
7 OTHER THINGS THAT DAVID INDICATED. I DO NOT HAVE A WRITTEN
8 MOTION. I WOULD JUST RELY ON HIS JULY 19TH MEMORANDUM AND THE
9 ATTACHED ORDINANCE AND MOVE THAT. AND, AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
10 RAY, IF THE BOARD SHOULD VOTE TO APPROVE THIS, YOU HAVE ENOUGH
11 HERE, THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE OF THE ORDINANCE TO GO FORWARD, IS
12 THAT CORRECT? AND IT'S A FIRST READING. SO I WOULD MOVE THE
13 JULY 19TH AMENDMENTS AND THE JULY 15TH REPORT FROM THE C.A.O.
14 WITH HIS AMENDMENTS OF JULY 19TH.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE...

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW IF A THERE'S ANY
19 QUESTIONS, HOPEFULLY, THAT WE CAN DISCUSS SO WE HAVE A CLEAR
20 UNDERSTANDING. LAST TIME WE LEFT WITHOUT A CLEAR
21 UNDERSTANDING. I HAVE NOW UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY AS TO WHAT
22 PART IS PROTECTED UNDER THE M.O.E., WHAT PART IS-- WHERE THE
23 GROWTH IS GOING TO STAY, IT'S GOING TO STAY AS A NATURAL
24 INCREASE OF SALES TAX AND SO ON, THEY WILL GET THAT INCREASE,
25 IT WILL JUST BE ON THERE.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT'LL BE DIVIDED, AGAIN, ACCORDINGLY AS TO
5 HOW IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN THE ORIGINAL.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AS EACH JURISDICTION DECIDES INDIVIDUALLY.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND SO I'M COMFORTABLE NOW WITH THIS,
10 AND SO I JUST WANTED US TO DO IT. LAST TIME, WE HAD A LOT OF
11 QUESTIONS AFTER THE TESTIMONY AND WE DIDN'T GET A LOT OF OUR
12 ANSWERS, SO THAT WAS WHAT I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? SHARON
15 MATSUMOTO, SHERIFF BACA, IF YOU WANT TO PROCEED, I'M JUST
16 GOING TO CALL A FEW FOLKS UP. JACQUELINE MCHENRY, CHIEF
17 BRATTON, CHIEF HERON, CHIEF BATS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, IF I
20 CAN MAKE A SUGGESTION TO ALL THE CHIEFS, IF THEY HAVE ISSUES
21 WITH WHAT WE HAVE PROPOSED, I WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM TO SPEAK.
22 IF THEY ARE IN AGREEMENT, THEY COULD SAVE US A LOT OF TIME BY
23 JUST SAYING THEY'RE IN AGREEMENT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SHARON.



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2 **SHARON MATSUMOTO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THE DISTRICT

3 ATTORNEY REGRETS THAT HE IS UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY, BUT HE

4 ASKED ME TO APPEAR TO READ INTO THE RECORD A LETTER THAT HE

5 SENT TO YOU ON FRIDAY. THIS LETTER REFERS TO HIS CONCERNS

6 ABOUT THE PROPOSED HALF CENT SALES TAX INITIATIVE. "IN MY

7 APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD ON JUNE 29TH, 2004, AT THE FIRST

8 HEARING ON THE SALES TAX MEASURE, I MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE

9 INCREASE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY FUNDED THROUGH SUCH A TAX

10 WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT WORKLOAD IMPACT ON MY DEPARTMENT. THE

11 DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS SOLELY EMPOWERED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE

12 SYSTEM TO ASSIST LOCAL POLICE IN CASE INVESTIGATIONS, HELP

13 PREPARE SEARCH WARRANTS, APPLY FOR WIRETAPS AND PROVIDE LEGAL

14 ADVICE. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALSO PROSECUTES EVERY FELONY

15 CASE FILED IN THE COUNTY. WE ARE ABSOLUTELY LINKED TO FRONT

16 LINE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY. OTHER AGENCIES OF THE CRIMINAL

17 JUSTICE SYSTEM WILL BE FAR LESS IMPACTED BY THE INCREASED

18 NUMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL FUNDED BY THE PROPOSED

19 TAX. THE DEFENSE BAR INCLUDES MANY PRIVATE ATTORNEYS.

20 PROBATION ONLY COMES INTO PLAY AT THE LATTER STAGES OF SOME

21 CRIMINAL CASES THAT RESULT IN A CONVICTION. THE DISTRICT

22 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS IN IT FROM START TO FINISH. IN MY EARLIER

23 APPEARANCE ON THE PROPOSED SALES TAX MEASURE, I STATED THAT I

24 WOULD SUPPORT A PROPERLY DRAFTED AND BALANCED ORDINANCE. FOUR

25 MEMBERS OF YOUR BOARD ACKNOWLEDGED THE SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT OF



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1 THIS MEASURE ON MY DEPARTMENT DURING INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC
2 COMMENTS, YET THE LATEST DRAFT VERSION OF THE PROPOSED MEASURE
3 FALLS FAR SHORT IN ADDRESSING THAT IMPACT. MY DEPARTMENT'S
4 INPUT AND MY INPUT HAVE FUNCTIONALLY BEEN IGNORED. YOUR
5 STAFFS, IN THEIR HASTE TO FINALIZE THIS MEASURE, HAVE
6 OVERLOOKED THE LONG-TERM IMPACT THAT THIS MEASURE WOULD HAVE
7 ON THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN THE DISCHARGE OF
8 CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY DUTIES. IN SECTION 4.69.050, THE
9 MEASURE WOULD ALLOW CITIES AND THE COUNTY TO EXPEND ONLY 15%
10 OF THEIR NEW FUNDS FOR CRIME PREVENTION WORK. THAT MEANS THAT
11 85% OF NEARLY HALF A BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY, WITH AN
12 INFLATION, WOULD BE POURED INTO FIELD POLICING ACTIVITIES. THE
13 RESULTANT CASELOAD INCREASE FOR MY OFFICE PREDICTABLY WILL BE
14 ENORMOUS. IN CONTRAST, THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR THE
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS PROSECUTION SERVICES ARE ONLY REFERRED TO
16 AS A MERE POSSIBILITY. FURTHER, THERE IS NO INDICATION IN THE
17 FUND ALLOCATION PLAN OR THE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT SECTION THAT
18 FUNDING ALLOCATED FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WOULD
19 HAVE ANY CONSISTENT ANNUAL REPETITION IN FUTURE YEARS. IT'S
20 BEYOND A BAD DEAL FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. TO SUPPORT THIS
21 MEASURE, I NEED TO KNOW TWO THINGS: IS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
22 OFFICE IN THE PLAN FOR THE LONG-TERM? AND WOULD THE FUNDS
23 ALLOCATED FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION UNDER THIS PLAN BE
24 SUPPORTED BY A BASELINE MAINTENANCE FACTOR? IF I AM GOING TO
25 URGE VOTERS TO SUPPORT A NEW TAX FOR PROSECUTION LAW



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1 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY, IT SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UP TO
2 INTERPRETATION. A PERCENTAGE SHARE FOR PROSECUTION SHOULD BE
3 IDENTIFIED AND IT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED CONSISTENTLY. I
4 UNDERSTAND THE BOARD'S RELUCTANCE TO INCLUDE ANNUAL
5 ADJUSTMENTS FOR AGENCIES OTHER THAN THE SHERIFF AND MUNICIPAL
6 POLICE AGENCIES, BUT A BASELINE FIGURE TO PREVENT SUPPLANTING
7 IS A REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF VOTERS IF A SUPER MAJORITY IS
8 REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE. IF VOTERS ARE ASKED TO RAISE TAXES FOR
9 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNCTIONS, THEY DESERVE A
10 CLEAR EXPECTATION THAT WHAT THEY PUT IN PLACE WILL STAY IN
11 PLACE. AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, I CAN'T ASK THE VOTERS TO
12 SUPPORT THIS MEASURE IN ITS PRESENT FORM FOR THE REASONS
13 OUTLINED." HE ENCLOSED A SUGGESTED MODIFICATION OF THE LATEST
14 DRAFT. IF ADOPTED, THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE MINIMUM DEGREE OF
15 CLARIFICATION THE VOTERS DESERVE. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN JUST RESPOND BRIEFLY.
18 I DON'T WANT A RESPONSE FROM YOU, I JUST WANT TO RESPOND FOR
19 THE PUBLIC RECORD. NUMBER ONE, WHEN THE SHERIFF FIRST
20 INITIATED THE CIRCULATION OF THE PETITION, NEITHER THE
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE NOR ANY OTHER OFFICE OTHER THAN THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS INCLUDED IN THAT MEASURE FOR ANY
23 FUNDING WHATSOEVER. DISTRICT ATTORNEY CAME TO ME AND TO OTHERS
24 ON THIS BOARD AND TO THE SHERIFF AND ASKED TO BE INCLUDED. HE
25 HAS BEEN INCLUDED. IT IS-- WHETHER THERE WAS A SPECIFIC



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1 AMOUNT, A PERCENTAGE AMOUNT THAT HE WOULD BE GUARANTEED OR
2 NOT, I DON'T THINK IS REALLY NECESSARILY THE DISTRICT
3 ATTORNEYS' INTEREST. HE MAY GET MORE THAN 3-1/2% OF THE 6%
4 THAT'S CARVED OUT FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PROBATION AND THE
5 OTHER DEPARTMENTS. I THINK IT'S IN OUR INTEREST TO LEAVE SOME
6 FLEXIBILITY, AND I THINK IT'S IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
7 INTEREST, TO LEAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY TO MOVE THE PERCENTAGES
8 AROUND. HAVING SAID THAT, AS FAR AS MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT IS
9 CONCERNED, IF WE HAD A MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT FOR EVERY SINGLE
10 FUNCTION THAT IS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING IN THIS MEASURE, WE
11 MIGHT AS WELL THROW THE BUDGET PROCESS OUT THE WINDOW. I
12 WOULDN'T SUPPORT IT AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE WOULD BE THREE
13 VOTES, LET ALONE FOUR VOTES TO SUPPORT IT. I THINK THAT THE
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS FAR BETTER OFF WITH THIS MEASURE IF IT
15 PASSES THAN HE IS WITHOUT IT. HE HAS TO MAKE THE JUDGMENT CALL
16 OF WHETHER THAT'S THE CASE BUT, IN MY OPINION, HE IS, BECAUSE,
17 BEFORE WE GOT INTO THIS BUSINESS, THERE WAS NOTHING IN HERE
18 FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. NOW THERE'S AS MUCH AS 6% UNDER
19 THIS CARVE-OUT. IT WON'T BE 6%. IT WILL BE SOMETHING ON THE
20 ORDER OF 3-1/2, 4% BUT IT'S THERE. SO I APPRECIATE THE
21 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS. I'M SORRY THAT HE FEELS THE WAY
22 HE DOES BUT I THINK, UPON REFLECTION, YOUR OFFICE OUGHT TO
23 CONSIDER THE UPSIDE OF THIS AND NOT JUST THE DOWNSIDE. I
24 THINK, IN THIS CASE, THE GLASS IS FAR MORE FULL THAN IT IS
25 EMPTY FOR YOUR OFFICE, AS IT IS FOR THE PROBATION, AS IT IS



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1 FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER. SO
2 I'M NOT INCLINED TO MODIFY IT. I THINK THE C.A.O. HAS DONE A
3 GOOD JOB IN LEAVING US THE FLEXIBILITY TO DEEPEN MORE THAN WE
4 MIGHT HAVE OTHERWISE-- THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE OTHERWISE BARGAINED
5 FOR.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD JUST SIMPLY STATE, THIS IS
8 JUST ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WHEN YOU HAVE REVENUE THAT COMES IN
9 THAT'S SUBJECT TO CYCLICAL CHANGES. ALL OF US IN ANY
10 DEPARTMENT THAT WILL BE RECEIVING MONEY HAS TO RECOGNIZE THAT
11 IT'S NOT FOREVER. WE GO THROUGH CYCLICAL CHANGES IN TERMS OF
12 OUR ECONOMY. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. SALES TAX
13 GOES UP, SALES TAX COMES DOWN, AND THE REALITY IS THERE WILL
14 BE SOME PEOPLE WHO MAY BE BROUGHT ON THAT WE'LL NOT BE ABLE TO
15 GUARANTEE TO THEM THAT WE'LL ALWAYS BE THERE BECAUSE THERE MAY
16 NOT BE MONEY TO PAY THEM. BECAUSE THIS IS SALES TAX. IT'S LIKE
17 EVERY OTHER REVENUE. IT'S LIKE PROPERTY TAX. IT'S LIKE
18 EVERYTHING ELSE. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT IT'S GOING TO BE
19 THERE. AND-- BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS HERE IS THAT THE
20 DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL BE CARED FOR AND WILL BE PROVIDED FUNDS
21 BASED UPON WHAT'S AVAILABLE WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE, AND THIS IS--
22 I WOULD HOPE THAT HE WOULD RETHINK THIS. THIS IS-- ALL OF US
23 ARE TAKING A LEAP OF FAITH IN THIS ENTIRE PROCESS, BUT WE'VE
24 DECIDED WE'RE GOING TO VOTE FOR IT, AT LEAST I'VE DECIDED I'M
25 GOING TO VOTE FOR IT BECAUSE I THINK THAT IT'S NECESSARY, BUT



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1 I RECOGNIZE IT HAS MANY, MANY ISSUES THAT WE HAVE TO FACE, AND
2 THERE'S NO SECURITY IN IT. IT'S ONLY AN ATTEMPT TO MEET A
3 PROBLEM WITH WHAT YOU HAVE AVAILABLE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. BILL, DID YOU HAVE ANY FOLLOW-UP
6 COMMENTS?

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8 **WILLIAM BRATTON:** NO, SIR, NOTHING ADDITIONAL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JACQUELINE?

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12 **JACQUELINE MCHENRY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. JACQUELINE
13 MCHENRY, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF CLAREMONT. I JUST GOT
14 THE NEW-- ACTUALLY, IT'S NOT SO NEW EDITION OF YOUR PROPOSAL
15 THIS MORNING AND DID NOTE SOME OF THE CHANGES. ONE OF THE
16 CHANGES WAS THE EXTENSION OR, ACTUALLY, CHANGING IT FROM 10
17 YEARS TO 15 YEARS-- FROM 10-- FROM 15 YEARS TO 10 YEARS,
18 SOMETHING THAT MY CITY FINDS A BIT PROBLEMATIC IN THAT THE
19 MONEY THAT WE WOULD BE GETTING WOULD BE FOR FACILITIES AND
20 IT'S MUCH BETTER IF YOU HAVE A 15-YEAR ASSURED TAX RATHER THAN
21 10-YEAR. HOWEVER, I DO SEE IN THIS PROPOSAL THAT YOU CAN VOTE
22 WITH A SUPER MAJORITY TO CONTINUE IT. BUT THE THING WE HAVE
23 THE MOST PROBLEM WITH IS HAVING THE CITIES OF L.A. AND LONG
24 BEACH ON THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THEY'RE ALREADY REPRESENTED
25 BY INDEPENDENT CITIES AND THEY'RE ALREADY REPRESENTED BY THE



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1 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, TWO ENTITIES WHICH I THINK CAN
2 REPRESENT THEM QUITE WELL. I HAVE A SUGGESTION, IF YOU'RE
3 INTERESTED. IF, IN FACT, YOU WANT THIS TO PASS, IF YOU WANT
4 THE TWO-THIRDS OF THE VOTERS THAT NEED THIS TO PASS, WHY DON'T
5 YOU HAVE A CITIZEN WHO CAN BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS ON A ROTATING BASIS AND A MEMBER OF THE HOWARD
7 JARVIS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION ON THIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AS
8 WAS THE CASE IN THE B.B. BOND THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PASSED.
9 THIS WOULD HELP TO ENSURE OR HELP GIVE CITIZENS CONFIDENCE
10 THAT, IN FACT, SOMEONE WHO WAS LOOKING OUT FOR THEM WAS
11 REPRESENTING THEM ON THIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THIS IS JUST A
12 SUGGESTION BUT I THINK, IN FACT, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO PASS
13 THIS, GOING BEFORE THE VOTERS AND SAYING, "WELL, LONG BEACH
14 AND L.A. ARE GOING TO BE ON THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE" WHEN
15 THEY'RE ALREADY REPRESENTED BY THE INDEPENDENT CITIES AND THE
16 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, I THINK WOULD GO A LONG WAY INTO
17 GETTING THIS PASSED. OTHER THAN THAT, I DO APPROVE OF THE REST
18 OF THE MEASURE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. HAS YOUR CITY COUNCIL TAKEN AN ACTION
21 TO SUPPORT PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT OR EITHER WAY ON THE
22 INITIATIVE? ARE YOU SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF YOUR...

23



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1 **JACQUELINE MCHENRY:** I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY
2 COUNCIL, BUT WE HAVE NOT VOTED ON THIS BECAUSE WE'RE WAITING
3 TO SEE WHAT YOUR FINAL...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SHERIFF, CHIEFS?

6

7 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GOOD MORNING. MUCH TO ALL OF OUR THREE-- MY
8 COLLEAGUES HERE DISAPPOINTMENT, CHIEF BATTS IS NOT GOING TO BE
9 ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING. WE'VE DECIDED TO JUST HANG LOOSE HERE
10 AND LET YOU DO YOUR BUSINESS. YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE. I HAVE
11 CHIEF BRATTON WITH ME, I HAVE JIM HERON, THE CHIEF OF THE L.A.
12 COUNTY CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION, AND CHIEF JIM BATTS FROM
13 THE LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER
16 SPEAKERS, SO ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK? NO?

17

18 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WE'RE JUST HERE REAFFIRMING...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT CAN WE ASSUME THAT YOU'RE ALL VERY
21 SUPPORTIVE?

22

23 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** EXACTLY.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CAN WE ASSUME THAT? THE CHIEF WAS ON THE
2 RADIO THIS MORNING. I HEAR YOU ON THE RADIO. REDUCE CRIME BY
3 50%. SO A QUARTER CENT WOULD BE REDUCE CRIME BY 25%? [
4 LAUGHTER]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MONICA HARMON, ALAN CLAYTON,
7 IRENE ALANIZ AND JULIO GIRON.

8

9 **MONICA HARMON:** GOOD MORNING. I AM HERE TO STRONGLY URGE YOU TO
10 VOTE "YES" AND PLACE THIS PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY
11 INITIATIVE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF A
12 GROUP OF MOTHERS OF L.A.P.D. OFFICERS. I KNOW SOME OF YOU HAVE
13 CHILDREN, SO YOU CAN WELL IMAGINE WHAT WE GO THROUGH AS
14 PARENTS KNOWING THAT OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS ARE OUT IN THE
15 FIELD, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH L.A. LAST YEAR, MAYOR HAHN ASKED
16 ALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS TO SUBMIT FIVE ISSUES, IN ORDER
17 OF PRIORITY, THAT AFFECTED THEIR COMMUNITY AND, ACROSS THE
18 BOARD, PUBLIC SAFETY WAS NUMBER ONE. FOR FAR TOO LONG, WE'VE
19 LAGGED BEHIND THE FOUR OTHER BIG CITIES IN HAVING FEW OFFICERS
20 PER CAPITA. CHIEF BRATTON HAS DONE A REMARKABLE JOB WORKING
21 MORE WITH LESS, AND THIS INITIATIVE IS OUR ONLY HOPE TO GET
22 THE L.A.P.D. OFFICERS THAT WE DESPERATELY NEED. TOO MANY BLACK
23 AND WHITES ARE SITTING AT POLICE STATIONS, AND WE NEED THOSE
24 VEHICLES OUT IN THE FIELD TO DETER CRIME. CRIMINALS TODAY ARE
25 MORE BRAZEN THAN EVER. THEY BLATANTLY DISRESPECT OUR OFFICERS,



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1 THEY SHOOT AT THEM, THEY ASSAULT THEM AND, JUST A COUPLE OF
2 WEEKS AGO, RAMMED ONE OFF HIS MOTORBIKE ON THE ROAD. LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE VERY COURAGEOUS AND IT IS AN
4 ADMIRABLE CAREER AND WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM. NO ONE WILL WORK
5 AS HARD AS WE WILL TO CAMPAIGN IF YOU PLACE THIS ON THE
6 NOVEMBER BALLOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALLAN?

9

10 **ALAN CLAYTON:** MY NAME IS ALAN CLAYTON. I'M HERE REPRESENTING
11 THE L.A. COUNTY CHICANO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE OVER
12 200 PROBATION MEMBERS. WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS HAS RECOGNIZED THE ROLE THAT PROBATION PLAYS AS A
14 FRONTLINE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, INCLUDED THEM IN THE
15 FUNDING. I THINK THE HISTORY OF PROBATION IS A PROUD HISTORY
16 OF BASICALLY BEING OUT THERE ON THE FRONT LINE AND PROTECTING
17 AND SERVING THE PUBLIC. I WANT TO GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF SOME OF
18 THE PROGRAMS. THE GANG SUPERVISION PROGRAM MONITORS 890 GANG
19 MEMBERS AGGRESSIVELY. 86% OF THESE MEMBERS COMPLETE PROBATION
20 WITHOUT RE-OFFENDING. THERE'S ALSO OVER 300 CONTACTS WITH THE
21 SCHOOLS, 350 CONTACTS WITH PARENTS EACH YEAR. THE C.L.E.A.R.
22 PROGRAM, 4,000 PROBATION SEARCHES, CONFISCATED 140 FIREARMS.
23 THEY DISARMED, 7,000 SEARCHES. 600 JUVENILES AND 2,400 ADULTS
24 UNDER PROBATION ARRESTED FOR VIOLATIONS. ALL OF THESE PROGRAMS
25 ARE FRONTLINE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS WHERE THEY WORK, AND



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1 THEY'RE SWORN PEACE OFFICERS, WITH OTHER FRONTLINE LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO EFFECTIVE FIGHT CRIME AND ALSO DEAL
3 WITH REHABILITATION. I HOPE THAT YOU VOTE ON THIS TODAY AND WE
4 SUPPORT PROBATION BEING IN IT AND WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
5 YOUR SUPPORT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ALAN. IRENE?

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9 **IRENE ALANIZ:** MY NAME IS IRENE ALANIZ. WITH RESPECT TO
10 EVERYONE, OUR CITY HAS GROWN AND GROWN. IT'S GROWING EVERY
11 HOUR AND EVERY DAY. CITY SERVICE IS GETTING SHORTER AND
12 SHORTER. PLEASE LISTEN TO OUR CRIES. PLEASE PROTECT EACH AND
13 EVERY ONE OF US. PLEASE PROTECT OUR YOUTH. IT'S VERY
14 UNFORTUNATE THAT WE LOSE BABIES ANYWHERE FROM RANGING
15 TODDLERS, THEY DON'T EVEN REACH THE AGE GROUP OF ADOLESCENTS.
16 WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE, PLEASE PASS THIS AMENDMENT. THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JULIO IS NOT HERE, APPARENTLY.

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21 **JULIO GIRON:** I'M HERE!

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I CALLED YOU.

24

25 **JULIO GIRON:** NICE AND SHORT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, JULIO.

3

4 **JULIO GIRON:** YES, SIR. MY NAME IS JULIO...

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WAIT. HANG ON. CHARLES BRISTER, WALKER
7 DEARTH, E. T. SNELL. OKAY, JULIO.

8

9 **JULIO GIRON:** ARE WE READY?

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE READY.

12

13 **JULIO GIRON:** (SPEAKING SPANISH) JULIO GIRON (SPEAKING
14 SPANISH). LET ME USE THIS. IT'S A SHAME, IT'S A DISGRACE TODAY
15 FOR THE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS AND, OF COURSE, MORE SHAME FOR
16 THE L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES. SMELLS LIKE KETCHUP HERE, REFERRING
17 TO JOHN KERRY. MORE TAXES, AND MORE TAXES, AND MORE TAXES.
18 THIS IS ENOUGH! THE TWO PEOPLE WHO SPOKE FIRST, THEY REPRESENT
19 LABOR UNIONS. WE, THE L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS, DO NOT HAVE TO
20 PAY MORE TAXES! AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO RECALL, NOT RECALL,
21 REMEMBER THE GOVERNOR, WE, MANY LATINOS, ARE NOT AN ILLEGAL
22 ALIEN. I'M A U.S. CITIZENSHIP-- U.S. CITIZEN FROM A HISPANIC
23 DESCENT. OKAY? SO IF THE I.N.S. IS HERE. THAT'S WHY THE
24 GOVERNOR REFERRED TO TO-- SHOULD WE SAY IT? OF COURSE. NO ROOM
25 FOR APOLOGIES. GIRLIE MEN. ANTICS. THAT WANT MORE TAXES AND



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1 MORE TAXES TO OUR EXPENSE. MRS. MOLINA... DIRECTOR MOLINA,
2 (SPEAKING SPANISH)... IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU, SUPERVISOR
3 MOLINA, DO NOT DO...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, JULIO.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

8

9 **JULIA GIRON:** (YELLING IN SPANISH)

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WALKER DEARTH, CHARLES BRISTER, WALKER
12 DEARTH AND E.T. SNELL. CHARLES? IS CHARLES HERE? OKAY. WALKER.

13

14 **WALKER DEARTH:** GOOD MORNING. I'M WALKER DEARTH, REPRESENTING
15 THE HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
16 YOUR TIME THIS MORNING. I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS BRIEF. THE
17 HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENCOURAGES THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS TO PLACE THE HALF CENT SALES TAX MEASURE ON THE
19 NOVEMBER BALLOT AND, IN ADDITION, TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF THE
20 FUNDS TO REOPEN THE HOLLYWOOD COURTHOUSE LOCKUP FACILITY WHICH
21 WAS CLOSED, SADLY, IN 2002. THE SHERIFF'S EARLY RELEASE POLICY
22 HAS LED TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR MORE FUNDING FOR DEPUTIES TO
23 STAFF THE JAILS. THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HAS A LARGE
24 MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL POPULATION, INCLUDING PROSTITUTES,
25 NARCOTICS USERS, AND TRANSIENTS WHO COMMIT CRIMES. THE RECENT



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1 DOUBLE HOMICIDE NEAR SUNSET BOULEVARD BY A TRANSIENT DRAWN TO
2 HOLLYWOOD ILLUSTRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ABLE TO CERTAIN
3 DEFENDANTS IN CUSTODY BECAUSE OF THE RISK THEY POSE TO THE
4 COMMUNITY VERSUS RELEASING THEM TO THE STREETS. A SAFER
5 HOLLYWOOD WOULD RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN SALES TAX WHICH, IN
6 TURN, MAY LEAD TO INCREASED REVENUES FOR THE WHOLE COUNTY
7 UNDER THIS SALES TAX PROPOSAL. THUS, THE HOLLYWOOD BUSINESS
8 COMMUNITY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE REOPENING OF THE HOLLYWOOD
9 LOCKUP FACILITY AND WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT THIS
10 BALLOT MEASURE ITSELF IF THIS IS DONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. E.T.

13

14 **E.T. SNELL:** YEAH. MY NAME IS E.T. SNELL. I'M A COMMUNITY
15 ACTIVIST. CRIME IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE SUBJECTS. I'VE DONE
16 ABOUT 25 YEARS IN INSTITUTIONS, BOYS' HOMES, AND UP THE LINE.
17 UNTIL I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A.D.D. AND BIPOLAR, DID VERY
18 LITTLE-- VERY FEW THINGS MEAN ANYTHING TO ME. YOU KNOW, FOLKS,
19 I REMEMBER-- AND WE DO NEED LAW ENFORCEMENT. I REMEMBER WHEN
20 SHERMAN BLOCK SLIPPED IN THE SHOWER DURING THE ELECTION, THE
21 SHERIFF'S ELECTION WITH LEE BACA, AND HE WAS SO FAR UNDER, IT
22 WAS TRUE TO ME-- IT WAS OBVIOUS TO ME THAT GOD HAD HIS HAND IN
23 THAT ELECTION, AND I DON'T SAY THAT IN DISRESPECT TO SHERMAN
24 BLOCK, I SAY THAT IN RESPECT TO LEE BACA AND HOW HE WON, AND
25 IT WAS TRULY GOD'S HAND. YOU KNOW, I LOOKED FOR SIGNS, AND I



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1 SAYS, YOU KNOW, GOD'S GOT TO HAVE HIS HAND IN THIS THING. AND
2 I WATCHED THE POPULATION IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL JUMP IN THE
3 MENTALLY ILL DEPARTMENT. IT, ALMOST OVERNIGHT, DOUBLED. IN
4 OTHER WORDS, SOMEBODY, SOMEBODY, AND IT JUST HAPPENED TO BE
5 LEE BACA, WHO HAD TAKEN ISSUES OF MENTAL HEALTH. I REMEMBER
6 WHEN INMATES LIKE MYSELF USED TO TAKE AND THEY PUT A RED BAND
7 ON YOUR ARM AND THEY CALLED IT A DING CHANK TRUSTEE AND ESCORT
8 THE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE AROUND. THE THINGS THAT WENT ON IN
9 THERE WERE APPALLING AND I'LL BE TO POLYGRAPH ANY OF THE
10 THINGS THAT I'VE EVER SAID TO YOU SUPERVISORS OR STUPID-
11 VISORS, IN SOME CASE. ANYTHING THAT I'VE EVER BROUGHT TO YOU,
12 YOU KNOW, THAT STOPPED. THE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE WERE NO LONGER
13 ESCORTED BY RED BAND TRUSTEES. YOU KNOW, THE SEVEN DOLLAR
14 CHARGE AT THE COUNTY JAIL FOR PARKING IS NOT LEE BACA'S. THE
15 OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY JAIL IS NOT LEE BACA'S. THAT WAS
16 PREVIOUSLY GLORIA MOLINA AND THE BAIL BONDSMAN. AND, BY THE
17 WAY, EIGHT STATES-- GLORIA, YOU KNOW YOU HAD THAT AREA. IT'S
18 ALL DIRTY DOWN THERE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** E.T., YOU WANT TO WRAP UP YOUR TESTIMONY.
21 TIME'S UP.

22

23 **E.T. SNELL:** OKAY. WELL, THE THING IS IS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO
24 JUST REMIND MR. BACA OF HIS PLIGHT WITH MENTALLY ILL. JUVENILE
25 JUSTICE STUDIES SHOW THAT 80% OF ALL YOUTH AUTHORITY



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1 COMMITMENTS SUFFER FROM MENTAL DISABILITIES. CRIME IS A MENTAL
2 DISABILITY ISSUE MORE THAN IT IS-- AND NOBODY SEEMS TO REALIZE
3 THAT. THE THREE MOST COMMON ARE A.D.D., A.D.H.D., AND BIPOLAR.
4 I SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE SOME
5 OUTSIDE MONITORING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY IS NOT
6 NECESSARILY SPENT ON ALL POLICE EQUIPMENT. AND ANOTHER REASON
7 WE NEED IT IS WE'RE AT WAR RIGHT NOW. WE'VE GOT SOME TERRORIST
8 ACTIVITIES. WE NEED TO SUPPORT OUR SHERIFFS, MRS. BURKE, AND
9 WE REALLY NEED TO GET THIS THING IN LINE AS FAR AS THE MENTAL
10 HEALTH ISSUES. AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A TON OF CURE.
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, E.T. DAVE GILOTTE. YVONNE AUTRY.
14 DAVE, JUST BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR TESTIMONY, OUR HATS OFF TO
15 YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES AND YOUR FRONTLINE ACTIVITIES UP THERE
16 IN THE SANTA CLARITA FIRE AND ALL THE FIRES GOING ON. I KNOW
17 YOU GUYS ARE STRETCHED PRETTY THIN AND WE WANT TO SAY THANK
18 YOU TO YOUR MEN AND WOMEN OUT IS THERE ON THE FRONT LINES
19 FIGHTING THOSE FIRES. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **DAVE GILOTTE:** I APPRECIATE THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN. THANK YOU. [
22 APPLAUSE CONTINUES]

23

24 **DAVE GILOTTE:** ON THAT NOTE, IF I MIGHT JUST TAKE 30 SECONDS TO
25 TAKE A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE TO THANK THE CHIEF



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1 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, DAVID JANSSEN, THE WHOLE BOARD, MOST
2 PARTICULARLY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHO ATTENDED A FUNERAL
3 FOR DANIEL ELKINS, FIRE CAPTAIN. SUPERVISOR WAS A COUPLE ROWS
4 IN FRONT OF ME. IT WAS VERY NOTED BY THE FAMILY. IT WAS A WARM
5 THING TO DO, IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, AND I THANK THE
6 WHOLE BOARD AND THE SUPERVISOR FOR COMING OUT FOR THAT. AND,
7 DAVID, THANKS. IT'S BEEN A LONG WEEK. ON THE MEASURE, I'VE
8 BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SHERIFF AND THE BOARD BEHIND THE
9 SCENES, AND I DIDN'T PLAN TO MAKE ANY LENGTHY TESTIMONY HERE.
10 HAVING A SEAT AT THE TABLE TO DEAL ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES IS
11 WHAT WE ARE AFTER, AND I'LL CONTINUE TO PURSUE LANGUAGE AND
12 DEFINITIONS PRIVATELY WITH COUNSEL TO MAKE SURE FIRE'S IN
13 THERE AND I'LL JUST LIMIT MY COMMENTS TO THAT. IN ORDER TO
14 HAVE FIRE ON BOARD, YOU KNOW, PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES AND ANTI-
15 TERRORISM CERTAINLY SHOULD COVER FIRST RESPONDERS SUCH AS FIRE
16 FIGHTERS, AND I'M GOING TO LIMIT MY COMMENTS TO THAT RIGHT
17 THERE, AND THANKS AGAIN FOR COMING OUT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DAVE. AND, TOO, ONCE YVONNE IS
20 THROUGH THERE, I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS IN REGARDS TO THE ISSUES
21 YOU RAISED, TOO. YVONNE?

22

23 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** MY NAME IS YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY. THANK
24 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
25 I'D LIKE TO PREFACE BY SAYING THAT WE ARE ALL INNOCENT BY LAW



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1 UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY, AND I'D LIKE TO READ THIS SCRIPTURE. IT
2 SAYS THERE IS A GENERATION THAT ARE PURE IN THEIR OWN EYES, IT
3 IS NOT WASHED FROM THEIR OWN FILTHINESS. THERE IS A GENERATION
4 WHOSE TEETH ARE AS SWORDS AND THEIR JAW TEETH AS KNIVES TO
5 DEVOUR THE POOR FROM THE EARTH AND THE NEEDY FROM AMONG MEN.
6 LIKE I SAID AT A PREVIOUS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING, AS
7 KIND OF A VOICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BRUTALIZED BY THE
8 POLICE OR HARASSED, I DO HAVE TO SPEAK IN DEFENSE OF THE YOUNG
9 MEN, MOSTLY YOUNG BLACK MEN AND WOMEN AND HISPANICS WHO ARE
10 CONTINUALLY HARASSED, INCRIMINATED, DEMONIZED, INCARCERATED,
11 AND THEN THEY BECOME ACTUALLY HARDENED CRIMINALS BECAUSE OF
12 THE ENVIRONMENTS THAT THEY'RE IN. IF YOU'RE USING MONEY-- I
13 MEAN, I HOPE THAT YOU USE THE MONEY TO DISCOURAGE THIS, YOU
14 KNOW, US AGAINST THEM MENTALITY THAT THE POLICE HAS. THERE'S
15 BEEN MORE MURDERS AND FEW OF THE POLICE ARE EVEN BROUGHT UP ON
16 CHARGES AND PROSECUTED, AND I DON'T SEE ANYONE DOING ANYTHING
17 ABOUT IT. YOU KNOW, I HAVE A SON. I DON'T WANT MY SON TO BE
18 HARASSED JUST BECAUSE OF HIS SKIN COLOR OR BECAUSE OF HIS
19 NATIONALITY OR HIS CLASS, SO I HOPE YOU USE THE MONEY OR YOUR
20 AUTHORITY, AGAIN, TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNICATION AND ALSO SOME
21 TYPE OF COUNSELING FOR THESE SECURITY WHO USUALLY AND AT TIMES
22 DO TEND TO ABUSE THEIR AUTHORITY, ESPECIALLY IN BLACK AND
23 MINORITY COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. I
2 HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. EITHER COUNTY COUNSEL OR C.A.O. THE
3 ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED BY MR. GILOTTE, AND I RAISED IT LAST
4 WEEK IN REGARDS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. I'M TRYING TO SEEK
5 CLARIFICATION. WE REFERRED TO FIRST RESPONSE CAPABILITIES ON
6 PAGE 6 AND EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCIES. THE OVERSIGHT, EVEN
7 THOUGH WHILE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE, OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES ARE
8 AFTER THE FACT AND THAT, CLEARLY, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
9 FIRE AS IT RELATES TO EQUIPMENT, I UNDERSTAND, AND OTHER
10 THINGS TO BE AT THE TABLE IN REGARDS TO THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE
11 AT SOME PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME. AND TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL,
12 YOU KNOW, IF THE PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRST RESPONSE CAPABILITIES,
13 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, HOMELAND SECURITY, I MEAN, DO WE NEED TO
14 CLARIFY THAT LANGUAGE, OR...

15

16 **RAY FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AS INDICATED
17 LAST WEEK, WHILE THE ORDINANCE-- OR THE ACT ITSELF IS CLEARLY
18 AIMED PRIMARILY AT LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, THAT THE USE OF
19 THE TERM SUCH AS YOU HAVE JUST MENTIONED ARE VERY BROAD IN
20 NATURE AND WOULD ENCOMPASS ACTIVITIES ENGAGED IN BY THE FIRE
21 DEPARTMENT. IF THE ORDINANCE IS ENACTED, IT WILL REQUIRE
22 LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATIONS BY WAY OF BUDGETARY ACTIONS BY YOUR
23 BOARD. THE LANGUAGE IS, I BELIEVE, BROAD ENOUGH TO ALLOW
24 BUDGETARY DECISIONS TO BE MADE THAT WOULD INCLUDE SOME FUNDING
25 FOR THE-- FOR FIRE OPERATIONS THAT FIT THESE VARIOUS



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1 DEFINITIONS. IT IS NOT AS A MODEL OF CLARITY IN THAT REGARD,
2 BUT THE WORDING IS BROAD ENOUGH, I BELIEVE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BROAD ENOUGH, THEN, WOULD THAT-- ARE YOU
5 SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE LEFT UP TO BOARD INTERPRETATION, OR IS
6 IT SPECIFIC ENOUGH UNDER THE BROADNESS OF IT THAT IT'S A
7 GIVEN, OR DO WE NEED TO CLARIFY IT? I MEAN, IS IT SO BROAD
8 THAT IT WOULD BE A BOARD INTERPRETATION?

9

10 **RAY FORTNER:** I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A BOARD INTERPRETATION, BUT
11 THE ALLOCATION OF ANY FUNDS UNDER THE ORDINANCE DO REQUIRE
12 BOARD ACTION AND THAT BUDGETARY ACTION IS A LEGISLATIVE ACT.
13 AND IF THE BOARD MAKES DETERMINATIONS TO ALLOCATE FUNDING IN
14 THAT DIRECTION, THAT FINDING WOULD BE ENTITLED TO A GREAT DEAL
15 OF WEIGHT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN JUST ADD, ON ITEM
18 NUMBER 1 ON PAGE 6 OF THE-- UNDER PURPOSE OF THE TAX SAYS, TO
19 BE USED TO MANAGE EMERGENCY DISASTER OPERATIONS, INCLUDING
20 COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND FIRST RESPONSE CAPABILITIES TO
21 EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCIES. I THINK THAT WOULD COVER THE FIRE
22 DEPARTMENT, CERTAINLY, THAT WOULD BE MY JUDGMENT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, ZEV, BUT, YOU KNOW,
25 I'M ALSO SITTING HERE ON THE SHORT END OF A VOTE AS IT RELATES



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1 TO PROP 172, AND THOSE THINGS THAT ARE LEFT TO INTERPRETATION
2 SOMETIMES DON'T GO TO THE RIGHT FOLKS, AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE
3 SURE. ALTHOUGH, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, I GUESS THE
4 ALLOCATION OF THOSE DOLLARS WOULD BE FOURTH-FIFTHS, IS THAT
5 CORRECT, THROUGHOUT?

6

7 **RAY FORTNER:** NO. I THINK THE ALLOCATION IS A MAJORITY VOTE,
8 IT'S A BUDGETARY ACTION. CERTAIN ACTIONS, TAKING IT AWAY,
9 REDUCING THE M.O.E. IS A FOUR FIFTHS VOTE, AS PROPOSED IN THIS
10 ORDINANCE. ONE THING THAT WILL ALSO ASSIST IN THIS ANALYSIS
11 WOULD BE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THE ACT,
12 AS STATED IN SECTION 2 OF THE ORDINANCE, ARE CONSISTENT WITH
13 THE ACT ITSELF IN SECTION 4.69.050 AND, TO THAT END, I WOULD
14 SUGGEST PUTTING IN PARAGRAPH C IN SECTION 2 OF THE ORDINANCE,
15 IT'S ON THE FIRST PAGE, PAGE 1 OF THE ORDINANCE THAT THE
16 C.A.O. DISTRIBUTED EARLIER, TO CLARIFY. THERE'S A TECHNICAL
17 ERROR THAT SHOULD BE MADE IN THE SECOND SENTENCE, CHANGING THE
18 WORD "SECTION" TO "ACT."

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SAY THAT AGAIN?

21

22 **RAY FORTNER:** CHANGING THE WORD, "SECTION" TO "ACT".

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ACT?

25



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1 **RAY FORTNER:** YES. THE PROCEEDS OF THIS SECTION-- WELL, THIS
2 SECTION DOESN'T HAVE ANY PROCEEDS IN IT BUT THE ACT DOES, SO
3 THAT SHOULD REFLECT "ACT". AND THEN I WOULD ADD, AT THE END OF
4 THAT SENTENCE, AS TO HOW THE FUNDS WILL BE DESIGNATED, TO SAY,
5 "ALL AS PROVIDED IN THE ACT," AND THAT CLEARLY TIES ALL OF THE
6 PURPOSES TOGETHER AND HARMONIZES THEM.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST REPEAT THAT AGAIN. ALL...

9

10 **RAY FORTNER:** "ALL AS PROVIDED IN THE ACT".

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL THAT IS PROVIDED...

13

14 **RAY FORTNER:** "ALL AS PROVIDED IN THE ACT".

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** "AS PROVIDED IN THE ACT".

17

18 **RAY FORTNER:** THIS IS SOMEWHAT OF A HOUSEKEEPING CHANGE WE HAD
19 DISCUSSED EARLIER AND HAD NOT GOTTEN INTO THE DOCUMENT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** STATE LAW DEFINES PUBLIC SAFETY AS FIRE AND
22 POLICE?

23

24 **RAY FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I IMAGINE
25 YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE DEFINITIONS IN PROPOSITION 172 AND



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1 THERE ARE PROBABLY SOME OTHER STATUTORY DEFINITIONS. IN
2 INTERPRETING THIS ACT, WE COULD LOOK AT-- TO THE EXTENT THAT
3 IT IS UNCLEAR AND DOESN'T PROVIDE LEGAL ANSWERS, WE WOULD LOOK
4 TO OTHER SIMILAR ENACTMENTS BUT THE PREDOMINANT DEFINITION
5 WOULD COME FROM THIS ACT AND THE ACT ITSELF WOULD BE
6 CONTROLLING TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WAS INCONSISTENT WITH SOME
7 OTHER BUT SIMILAR ACT SUCH AS PROP 172. I ALSO NOTE THAT THIS--
8 - THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS ACT THAT WOULD SPECIFICALLY PROHIBIT
9 THE USE OF FUNDS FOR ANOTHER ENTITY SUCH AS FIRE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES 172 ALLOW FIRE?

12

13 **RAY FORTNER:** YES, IT DOES.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE WE PUTTING IN MONEY IN FIRE FROM 172?

16

17 **RAY FORTNER:** NO.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN WHAT GUARANTEE IS THERE THAT FIRE WOULD
20 END UP ON THE SHORT END OF THE STICK UNDER THIS PROPOSAL AND
21 YOU'D HAVE TO HAVE A SITUATION THAT'S OCCURRING IN ORANGE
22 COUNTY TODAY WHERE YOU HAVE AN INITIATIVE TO INCLUDE FIRE IN
23 172 FUNDING?

24



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1 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** MAY I ANSWER THAT? SIMPLY THIS. THE ORIGINAL
2 INITIATIVE WAS NOT DESIGNED TO BE A FIREFIGHTING FUND SOURCE
3 AND THE LANGUAGE IN THE INITIATIVE PROVIDES FOR FUNDS THAT
4 COULD BE USED FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT, IF IT'S RELATED TO HOMELAND
5 SECURITY FIRST RESPONDER NEED. THE FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR
6 TRAINING FOR THOSE FIELD EXERCISES THAT INVOLVE FIRE AND
7 POLICE, AND I THINK THE FUNDING HAS THE ABILITY TO FACILITATE
8 ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE A JOINT EFFORT ON THE PART OF LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT AND THE FIRE- FIGHTING SERVICE. BUT WHEN YOU TALK
10 ABOUT BUYING EXTRA FIREFIGHTERS TO BE THE FOURTH PERSON ON A
11 TRUCK, YOU'RE TAKING YOURSELF COMPLETELY AWAY FROM WHAT IS
12 KNOWN AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSION AND YOU'RE PUTTING ALL THIS
13 MONEY IN A FIRST RESPONDER FOR FIRE MISSION, WHICH COULD
14 TRANSLATE TO BETTER FIRST RESPONDER CAPABILITY IN THE EVENT OF
15 A TERRORIST ATTACK, BUT IT'S THAT WINDOW OF A TERRORIST ATTACK
16 THAT THIS INITIATIVE OPENED UP THE DOOR FOR FIREFIGHTING
17 SERVICES, NOT FOR THE ONGOING FIRE SERVICE. AND SO I ASK YOU
18 NOT TO WATER DOWN THE PURPOSE OF THE INITIATIVE BECAUSE, IN
19 THE END, WE NEED FIVE TO 6,000 MORE COPS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 AND, AS I'VE SAID PROUDLY, THE HEROES, UNIVERSALLY, TO THE
21 PUBLIC IS THE FIREFIGHTERS. WE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE THE ONES
22 THAT END UP SHOOTING SOMEBODY RIGHT OR WRONG, WE'RE THE ONES
23 THAT END UP BEATING SOMEBODY UP, RIGHT OR WRONG, AND WE'RE THE
24 ONES THAT END UP WITH THE BLACK EYE WHEN SOMETHING DOESN'T GO
25 RIGHT. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF ANYBODY SAY THAT THE FIRE SERVICE



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1 ISN'T VIEWED, LOVED, AND UNIVERSALLY CARED FOR, INCLUDING BY
2 THOSE OF US IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. THIS IS A DESPERATE PLEA, THIS
3 INITIATIVE IS A DESPERATE PLEA, ON LAW ENFORCEMENT'S PART, TO
4 GET THIS COUNTY TO A SAFER PLACE. SO I THINK THERE'S PLENTY OF
5 MONEY IN THERE TO USE FOR FIRE-RELATED EQUIPMENT, FIRE
6 TRAINING, AND EXERCISES FOR HOMELAND SECURITY, BUT TO ADD
7 PERSONNEL IN HERE I THINK WOULD BE A VERY SERIOUS MISTAKE AT
8 THIS POINT IN TIME.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST FOR THE RECORD, PERSONNEL
11 COULD BE-- FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR PERSONNEL FOR THESE
12 PURPOSES FOR FIRST RESPONDER AND THAT SORT OF THING, AS
13 DEFINED IN THE ORDINANCE. I JUST DON'T WANT TO-- THERE IS THE
14 POSSIBILITY, AND WE DISCUSSED THIS LAST WEEK, THAT-- WRONG
15 PAGE-- I'M SORRY. THAT, ON-- FOR PURPOSES OF FIRST RESPONSE
16 CAPABILITIES AND EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCIES AND THINGS OF THAT
17 SORT, HOMELAND SECURITY RELATED STUFF, IT WOULD BE A JUDGMENT
18 CALL ON OUR PART THAT THEY ARE ELIGIBLE, BUT THE LION'S SHARE
19 IS, AS YOU SAID, IS LAW ENFORCEMENT-- IT'S A LAW ENFORCEMENT
20 MEASURE, LARGELY.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, GENERALLY OR JUST OF THE
25 SHERIFF?



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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OF THE SHERIFF OR JUST GENERALLY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE SOME GENERAL...

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO ASK-- I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE
9 SOME TECHNICAL-- THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER HAS ADVISED
10 ME THAT THERE ARE SOME-- THREE OR FOUR TECHNICAL CHANGES THAT
11 NEED TO BE MADE, AND I WANT YOU TO DO THAT NOW ON THE RECORD
12 SO THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH THAT.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** OKAY. ON THE-- ON THE LANGUAGE THAT WE
15 SUBMITTED THIS MORNING, WE CLARIFIED THE '03/'04 BUDGET YEAR.
16 IT SAYS THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR '03/'04 FISCAL YEAR AS
17 ADJUSTED. WITHOUT THE AS ADJUSTED, IT DID NOT REFLECT THE
18 MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT, SO WE NEED TO CONFORM, THROUGHOUT THE
19 DOCUMENT, AS ADJUSTED. THE SECOND CHANGE IS SIMPLY IN THE
20 DEFINITION. WE HAVE-- INCLUDING CHARTER CITY IS REDUNDANT
21 THROUGHOUT THE DOCUMENT, IT'S ALREADY IN THE DEFINITION. WE
22 JUST NEED TO CLARIFY THAT AS WELL. THAT'S VERY
23 STRAIGHTFORWARD. AND THE THIRD IS ON PAGE 12, SECTION H, ON
24 THE EXCLUSIONS, WE NEED TO CREATE A SECTION THAT DEALS WITH
25 THE ADJUSTMENTS RELATED TO ACTUARIAL SAVINGS, PENSION



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1 OBLIGATIONS, PENSION BONDS, ET CETERA. IT DOESN'T CHANGE AT
2 ALL, WE BELIEVE, THE EXCLUSIONS, IT JUST CLARIFIES THE NATURE
3 OF WHAT THAT SECTION IS SUPPOSED TO MEAN. PAGE 12, SECTION H,
4 WE WOULD ADD A NEW SECTION I.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PAGE 12?

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8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND I THINK THAT'S IT. PAGE 12.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECTION H.

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12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SECTION H.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HAVE WE GONE THROUGH-- I MEAN, FROM A
15 TECHNICAL STANDPOINT AS WELL, CLEARED UP ALL THE FOUR-FIFTHS
16 AREA?

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18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'VE STRAIGHTENED OUT. THAT'S INCLUDED
19 EVERYWHERE THAT IT NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED. RAY HAD THE CHANGE HE
20 NEEDED TO MAKE. WE'RE NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER TECHNICAL
21 CHANGES.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM AS
24 AMENDED BY THE EARLIER REPORT FROM THE C.A.O. AND BY HIS
25 LATEST ADDITIONS JUST NOW.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL SECOND IT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WE'LL
5 PROBABLY HAVE A ROLL CALL HERE IN JUST A SECOND. I THINK, FROM
6 MY OWN PERSONAL STANDPOINT, ONE, IS THAT I DO REMAIN
7 UNCONVINCED THAT THE SALES TAX WILL NOT HARM THE LOCAL ECONOMY
8 AND I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. THERE'S ALSO NO DENYING
9 THE FACT THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NEEDS ADDITIONAL
10 RESOURCES TO BETTER PROTECT OUR STREETS BUT, ON THE OTHER
11 HAND, WE'VE GONE TO THE VOTERS BEFORE WITH PROP 172 AND, YOU
12 KNOW, HAVE ALLOWED THAT TO WORK. I MEAN, THIS TRULY HAS TO BE
13 AN ENHANCEMENT OF SOME SORT. I STILL HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS ABOUT
14 WHETHER OR NOT THAT I COULD SUPPORT A INITIATIVE LIKE THIS. I
15 DON'T THINK THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO DO GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO,
16 HISTORICALLY, I HAVE SUPPORTED ALLOWING THE VOTERS TO DECIDE
17 THEIR OWN FATE AND WILL, AND I'M SOMEWHAT INCLINED TO DO THAT.
18 I JUST HAVE NOT RECEIVED OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM MY CITIES
19 IN REGARDS TO THIS ISSUE OR THE PUBLIC. AS I MENTIONED LAST
20 WEEK, THE PHONE CALLS AND E-MAILS INTO MY OFFICE ARE FIVE TO
21 ONE AGAINST AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX. BUT YET, AS I HAVE
22 ALLOWED OTHER THINGS THAT I DON'T NECESSARILY SUPPORT TO GO TO
23 THE BALLOT, I'M INCLINED TO DO IT HERE AS WELL, TOO. SO, WITH
24 THOSE COMMENTS, WE'LL GO TO A ROLL CALL. MIKE?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROBLEM THAT I'VE HAD AND I'VE DISCUSSED
2 WITH THE SHERIFF AND OTHERS IS THE FACT THAT WE SPEND \$202
3 MILLION THAT COULD GO INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR HEALTH
4 ISSUES WHICH COULD BE FUNDED THROUGH THE TOBACCO TAX. THOSE
5 FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, AND WHILE THEY MAY BE LIMITED IN TIME,
6 THEY ARE THERE FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. IT ALLOWS US TO
7 PRIORITIZE AS WE MOVE AHEAD. IN THE STATE BUDGET THAT'S BEING
8 DISCUSSED TODAY, CITIES AND COUNTIES ARE WORKING TO BE MADE
9 WHOLE IN ADDITIONAL REVENUES THAT WE'LL BE RECEIVING IN THREE
10 YEARS, AND THE FACT THAT WE COULD USE THE DOLLARS FOR THE
11 COUNTY TO MEET THE SHERIFF, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PROBATION AND
12 ULTIMATE DEFENSE COUNSEL NEEDS IS AVAILABLE WITHOUT HAVING TO
13 RESORT TO AN ADDITIONAL TAX. NOW, THE OTHER 88 CITIES, THEY
14 HAVE ISSUES THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH, THEY DON'T HAVE VARIOUS
15 FUNDS, BUT THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRIORITIZE, AS THIS
16 BOARD COULD PRIORITIZE IF WE HAD THE WILL. AND THAT'S THE
17 CURRENT CONCERNS THAT I HAVE, AND THE ISSUE OF GOING BEFORE
18 THE VOTERS FOR A TAX. THERE ARE DOLLARS AVAILABLE, IF WE HAD
19 THE ABILITY OF HAVING THREE VOTES TO PLACE THOSE DOLLARS INTO
20 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET TO MEET HIS NEEDS IN THE
21 JAILS AND ON THE STREETS.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS? IF NOT, ROLL CALL,
24 PLEASE.

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1 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** OKAY. THE ACTION BEFORE YOU TODAY, THEN,
2 WOULD BE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
3 PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE
4 HELD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON NOVEMBER 2ND, 2004, AND
5 CONSOLIDATING THE SPECIAL TAX ELECTION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS TO
6 BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2ND, 2004, AND INTRODUCTION, WAIVE READING
7 AND PLACE ON THE AGENDA OF AUGUST 3RD FOR ADOPTION AN
8 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, REVENUE AND FINANCE OF THE LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY CODE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 4.69 TO THE LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY CODE, TITLE 4, REVENUE AND FINANCE AND THAT WOULD
11 INCLUDE ALL OF THE AMENDMENTS PROVIDED FOR TODAY. AND I'LL
12 CALL THE ROLL CALL. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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16 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** EXCUSE ME.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. I'VE GOT COUNTY COUNSEL.

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20 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** PARDON ME. THERE IS A CORRECTION. THIS WILL
21 NOT BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A SECOND READING BECAUSE IT
22 REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION. THE
23 GOVERNMENT CODE PROVIDES THAT ONLY A SINGLE READING IS
24 NECESSARY, SO TODAY'S ACTION WOULD BE FINAL.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THIS IS OUR FINAL VOTE HERE?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALMOST GOT THAT. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I WAS LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY. HEH.

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7 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, THIS IS THE FINAL VOTE HERE?

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11 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** AND THIS WOULD BE FOR ADOPTION.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AYE.

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15 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

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19 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

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23 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.



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2 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AYE. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE CLARIFIED THAT THIS IS TO PLACE ON THE
7 BALLOT, NOT NECESSARILY THAT THE BOARD ENDORSED THE
8 INITIATIVE.

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10 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** YES.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO
13 THANK ALL OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE WORKED HARD
14 ON THIS, SHERIFF BACA AND THE OTHER CHIEFS, AND ALSO I WANT TO
15 THANK THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND HIS STAFF, MY
16 STAFF AND THE STAFF OF ALL THE OTHER BOARD OFFICES WHO HAVE
17 WORKED VERY HARD TO GET CONSENSUS ON THIS, AND I THINK IT'S A
18 REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT, REGARDLESS OF HOW IT TURNS OUT IN
19 NOVEMBER. I THINK IT'S BEEN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. THANK YOU
20 ALL VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN SAYING CERTAINLY WANT TO
23 CONGRATULATE YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ON YOUR WORK AND THE
24 WORK OF YOUR STAFF. BUT, TO ME, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT
25 HAS BEEN REPRESENTED IN THIS WHOLE HEARING IS THE CITIES



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1 COMING TOGETHER, THE CITY AND THE COUNTIES COMING TOGETHER AND
2 AGREEING, AND THIS IS A JOINT PROCESS, IT'S ONE THAT'S GOING
3 TO HAVE TO CONTINUE. IF THIS PASSES, IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO
4 CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION. AND ALSO TO YOU, SHERIFF
5 BACA, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HARD WORK IN PUTTING THIS
6 TOGETHER.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. JANSSEN, WHERE ARE YOU? THERE'S
9 ONE-- SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THERE WAS A PART OF YOUR MOTION.
10 AS PART OF THIS ACTION, I WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO COME BACK,
11 WHETHER IT'S THE 3RD OR LATER, THE HALF CENT ISSUE WHERE A
12 HALF A CENT OF THE EXISTING COUNTY PORTION AS IT RELATES TO
13 GOING TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR UNINCORPORATED, THAT \$22
14 MILLION, I'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT ISSUE BROUGHT BACK FOR ANALYSIS
15 AND DISCUSSION HERE AT THE BOARD.

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** OKAY. WE'D BE HAPPY TO DO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE FIRST HALF OF SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, NOT THE SECOND HALF.

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO-- I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR
25 YAROSLAVSKY IS STILL UP BUT I'M GOING TO ASK, AS A POINT OF



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1 PRIVILEGE HERE AS CHAIR, I'M GOING TO CALL ITEM 56 UP. IT'S A
2 PUBLIC HEARING. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE DOWN HERE TO SPEAK
3 ON THE ITEM. IT IMPACTS-- ITEM 56 IS-- IF YOU'LL READ THAT.

4

5 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THIS IS A HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
6 TO TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING RELATING TO THE ROWLAND
7 HEIGHTS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC
8 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS. FOR ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY,
9 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THOSE THAT HAVE SIGNED THIS PARTICULAR
12 DOCUMENT, IF YOU'LL STAND UP TO BE SWORN IN.

13

14 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** [ADMINISTERING OATH]

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16 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I HEARD ALL THOSE "I DOS". THANK YOU. ALL
19 RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO ASK STAFF TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF
20 PRESENTATION AND THEN WE'LL PROCEED WITH OUR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

21

22 **JULIE MOORE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JULIE MOORE
23 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. I'M A SUPERVISING
24 REGIONAL PLANNER. WITH ME TODAY IS JEFFREY LAMBERT, WHO THE
25 COUNTY HIRED AS MEDIATOR IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. EARLY LAST YEAR,



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1 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING PREPARED A COMMERCIAL
2 PROPERTY STUDY, AND THAT CONCLUDED THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR
3 SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE
4 ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY AND THAT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT COULD
5 WORSEN THE EXISTING TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION PROBLEMS IN THE
6 AREA AND ALSO DETRACT FROM THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF THE
7 COMMUNITY. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERED THE
8 STUDY'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVISED YOUR BOARD THAT ADDITIONAL
9 REGULATIONS BE ADOPTED FOR THE COMMERCIALLY DEVELOPED
10 PROPERTIES AND APPROVE THE C.S.D. AMENDMENT KNOWN AS OPTION C,
11 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PLANNING STAFF WOULD STUDY AND
12 MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR BOARD REGARDING SMALL LOT
13 CONSTRAINTS AND RELATED ISSUES. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HAS
14 BEEN WORKING WITH THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COORDINATING
15 COUNCIL, THE NEWLY FORMED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND ALSO THE
16 ROWLAND HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, AS WELL AS OTHER
17 INTERESTED PARTIES. WE HAVE HELD NUMEROUS PUBLIC MEETINGS,
18 WORKSHOPS, AND SEVERAL PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS OVER THE
19 LAST YEAR AND HAVE EXPLORED ROUGHLY 10 DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR
20 ADDING REGULATORY PROVISIONS TO THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS C.S.D.
21 THIS IS TO INCREASE THE COMPATIBILITY OF COMMERCIAL
22 DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE AREA COVERED BY THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS
23 COMMUNITY GENERAL PLAN. THE COMMUNITY HAD REMAINED DIVIDED
24 OVER THE C.S.D. DESPITE OUR NUMEROUS PLANNING AND DEPARTMENT
25 EFFORTS. AT THE ADVICE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE



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1 COORDINATING COUNCIL AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2 REPRESENTATIVES MET DILIGENTLY AND IN GOOD FAITH DURING
3 FEBRUARY AND MARCH OF THIS YEAR AND THEY ATTEMPTED IT REACH AN
4 AGREEMENT ON AN OVERALL REGULATORY PROGRAM THAT REMAINED APART
5 ON SEVERAL KEY ISSUES. BECAUSE A YEAR HAD GONE BY WITHOUT
6 ACHIEVING A COMMUNITY CONSENSUS, THE FIRST DISTRICT AND THE
7 FOURTH DISTRICT OFFICES INSTRUCTED THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT,
8 ALONG WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, TO ENGAGE THE
9 SERVICES OF A MEDIATOR TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY
10 REPRESENTATIVES TO REACH A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTION. TO
11 SUPPORT THE MEDIATION EFFORT, YOUR BOARD APPROVED THE
12 CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR
13 MARCH 23RD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS UNTIL TODAY'S MEETING. THIS WAS
14 TO ALLOW THE MEDIATOR TO WORK WITH THE VARIOUS GROUPS TO
15 PRESENT HIS DRAFT-- AND ALSO TO PRESENT HIS DRAFT ALTERNATIVE
16 TO THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL AT THEIR
17 RECENT MEETING IN JUNE. OUR MEDIATOR IS JEFFREY LAMBERT, WHO
18 IS A PLANNING CONSULTANT AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND
19 BUILDING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. JEFF HAD THE
20 DIFFICULT TASK OF MEETING WITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO
21 BRING THE COMPETING GROUPS TOGETHER AND CLOSER TOWARD AN
22 AGREEMENT ON A SET OF FAIR AND BALANCED REGULATIONS THAT CAN
23 PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE AND VIABLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE
24 ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY. AS INDICATED IN OUR CORRESPONDENCE
25 TO YOU, WHICH WE SUBMITTED LAST WEEK, THE PLANNING STAFF



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1 SUPPORTS THE MEDIATOR'S ALTERNATIVE C.S.D. CONCEPTS BECAUSE IT
2 REFLECTS THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S INSTRUCTION THAT
3 WE BRING TO YOU A REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE THAT ADDRESSES THE
4 NEEDS OF THIS DIVERSE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO TRANSMITTED TO YOU A
5 DRAFT C.S.D. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TODAY,
6 WHICH IS BASED ON THE MEDIATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS. JEFF LAMBERT
7 IS HERE TODAY AND HE'S ALSO PREPARED TO ADDRESS YOUR BOARD. AT
8 WELL, THERE'S STAFF FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
9 THEY'RE HERE ALSO AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION
10 ISSUES. THAT CONCLUDES MY FORMAL COMMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF
13 JULIE AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME? SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO
14 YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT? OKAY. MR. LAMBERT, DO
15 YOU WANT IT GIVE YOUR OVERVIEW, PLEASE, AS WELL?

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17 **JEFFREY LAMBERT:** GOOD AFTERNOON MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. WELL, LET ME FIRST TELL YOU THAT IT WAS A
19 PLEASURE WORKING WITH THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD
20 OFFICES FIRST IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT THROUGH THIS PROCESS. I
21 ALSO WANT TO THANK THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS IN
22 ROWLAND HEIGHTS. IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT THEY WERE VERY WILLING,
23 DURING THIS PROCESS, TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS TO ME AS THE
24 THIRD PARTY MEDIATOR, AND THAT WAS VERY HELPFUL THROUGH THE
25 PROCESS. I ALSO WANT TO REITERATE JULIE'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE



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1 INTENSIVE EFFORT HAPPENING OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS
2 REGARDING THIS PROCESS. WE'VE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS,
3 DISCUSSIONS, E-MAILS AND PHONE CALLS WITH ALL THE PARTIES, AND
4 I BELIEVE ONE THING IS COMMON TO US AT THE BEGINNING THAT
5 EVERYBODY WANTED TO REACH A CONCLUSION AND GET A C.S.D. IN
6 PLACE AND MOVE ON FOR THE SAKE OF THE COMMUNITY. I THINK IT'S
7 ALSO CLEAR THAT WE HAVE GONE A LONG WAY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF
8 THIS PROCESS WHEN I FIRST BECAME INVOLVED IN APRIL, AND I WILL
9 GO THROUGH SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ALTERNATIVE THAT I
10 RECOMMENDED TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT. BUT, BEFORE
11 THAT, I ALSO WANTED TO LET THE BOARD KNOW THAT THERE WERE A
12 NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT WERE ALREADY IN AGREEMENT BEFORE I
13 BECAME INVOLVED AND, WHEN I WAS INVOLVED, THERE WERE ABOUT
14 NINE ISSUES STILL ON THE TABLE. I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT
15 ALL OF THOSE NINE BUT ONE WE'VE REACHED AN-- I LIKE TO CALL IT
16 A WILLINGNESS TO AGREE BY ALL PARTIES TO THOSE TERMS. WHAT I'D
17 LIKE TO DO IS HIGHLIGHT THE ONE ISSUE FOR YOU THAT SEEMS TO
18 STILL HAVE SOME LEVEL OF DISAGREEMENT AND THEN WALK YOU
19 THROUGH THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAJOR POINTS OF THE C.S.D.
20 BEFORE YOU. THE ONE ISSUE THAT THERE'S STILL NOT AGREEMENT ON
21 IS THE CONTROL OF RESTAURANTS ON SMALL LOTS THAT EXCEED THE
22 33% LOT COVERAGE. WE HAVE PROPOSED, IN THE C.S.D., THAT, ON
23 SMALLER LOTS LESS THAN 30,000 SQUARE FEET, YOU CAN'T HAVE A
24 RESTAURANT IF YOU EXCEED THE 33% LOT COVERAGE. WHAT WE'VE
25 HEARD FROM THE CHAMBER OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS OR FEW DAYS IS



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1 THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT REMOVED ALTOGETHER, THE CHAMBER OF
2 COMMERCE. WE'VE ALSO HEARD FROM THE COORDINATING COUNCIL. THEY
3 WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT EXTENDED TO ALL LOTS WITHIN THE C.S.D.
4 MY RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AND THE MEDIATOR'S C.S.D. IS
5 THAT WE ARE SORT OF RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE. WE'RE CREATING SOME
6 LIMITATION WHERE IT MAKES SENSE ON SMALL LOTS BECAUSE THOSE
7 LOTS ARE CONSTRAINED FROM PARKING AND SIZE CONSTRAINTS, BUT
8 NOT APPLYING IT ACROSS THE REST OF THE C.S.D. LET ME TRY TO
9 HIGHLIGHT JUST THE KEY POINTS OF THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATION
10 THAT CAME, AND IT'S BEEN CALLED THE MEDIATORS ALTERNATIVE IN
11 YOUR STAFF REPORT. ONE IS THAT THERE WILL BE SETBACKS,
12 LANDSCAPE SETBACKS OF 20 FEET ALONG MAJOR HIGHWAYS AND 15 FEET
13 ALONG LOCAL OR COLLECTOR STREETS. THAT'S COMPARED TO A 10-FOOT
14 SETBACK IN THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS. WE'VE ALSO ADDED A CORNER
15 CUTOFF SETBACK TO AID AND ENHANCE THE VISIBILITY AT THESE
16 CORNERS. WE'VE ALSO, IN AREAS THAT ARE ZONED C-3, WE'VE
17 LIMITED THEM-- FOR THOSE PROPERTIES WITHIN 300 FEET OF COLIMA,
18 TO TWO STORIES. AND THOSE PROPERTIES ZONED C-3 BEYOND 300 FEET
19 FROM COLIMA CAN GO TO A THIRD STORY AS LONG AS THAT THIRD
20 STORY IS OFFICE USE ONLY. WE'VE ENHANCED THE LANDSCAPING
21 REQUIREMENTS. WE'RE REQUIRING 15% OF THE LOT COVERAGE TO BE
22 LANDSCAPED FOR LARGER LOTS-- EXCUSE ME, FOR SMALL-- SMALLER
23 LOTS AND 10% FOR LARGER LOTS. IN ADDITION, WE'VE ADDED MORE
24 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDSCAPING PLANT MATERIALS AND SIZE
25 OF MATERIALS TO AID IN CREATING A BETTER LANDSCAPED ALONG THE



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1 AREA IN COLIMA IN PARTICULAR. WE'VE ALSO ADDED A LOT COVERAGE
2 LIMITATION OF 40%, AND THAT'S COMPARED TO A 90% LOT COVERAGE
3 IN THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS. WE'VE ALSO ADDED ARCHITECTURAL
4 FEATURES SO THAT 25% OF BUILDING'S EXTERIOR WALLS WOULD BE
5 ARTICULATED TO AID IN CREATING A BETTER LOOK FOR NEW BUILDINGS
6 IN THE REGION, AND WE'VE ALSO ENCOURAGED, STRONGLY ENCOURAGED,
7 WHERE FEASIBLE, THAT BUILDINGS BE SET BACK. IF COMMERCIAL
8 PROPERTY IS ABUTTING ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, THAT
9 THOSE BUILDINGS BE SET BACK AGAINST THAT OTHER COMMERCIAL
10 PROPERTY TO PULL IT AWAY FROM THE STREET AND TO AID IN KEEPING
11 THE SENSE OF COLIMA FROM BEING A TUNNEL OF NEW DEVELOPMENT. I
12 THINK IT'S-- IT'S MY RECOMMENDATION THAT WHAT'S BEFORE THE
13 BOARD TODAY IN THE ALTERNATIVE C.S.D. GOES A LONG WAY TO
14 MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH SIGNIFICANT PARTIES THAT I'VE
15 BEEN TALKING TO OVER THE LAST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS. I THINK IT
16 ALSO ALLOWS US TO PRESERVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN ROWLAND
17 HEIGHTS AND ALSO ALLOWS SOME ADDITIONAL NEW DEVELOPMENT TO
18 OCCUR AT THE SAME TIME. SO THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. I'D
19 BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, AS I'M SURE JULIE WOULD AS
20 WELL.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THEN
23 WE'LL PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. I WOULD CALL MIKE
24 POPOVEC, RUSS BELL, JAMES TUNG AND OSCAR SANCHEZ TO COME



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1 FORWARD, PLEASE. OKAY, JUST A REMINDER, IF YOU'LL ALL IDENTIFY
2 YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE, AND THEN PROCEED. MIKE?

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4 **MIKE POPOVEC:** MY NAME IS MIKE POPOVEC. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF
5 ROWLAND HEIGHTS FOR 30 YEARS AND I'M THE RECENTLY ELECTED
6 PRESIDENT OF THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COORDINATING
7 COUNCIL. FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, I'VE SERVED AS BOARD VICE
8 PRESIDENT AND CHAIR OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. FOR ALMOST
9 TWO YEARS, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH REGIONAL PLANNING
10 COMMISSION STAFF TO ASSIST US WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF
11 STANDARDS REGARDING COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES WITHIN OUR
12 COMMUNITY. TO THE CREDIT OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
13 STAFF, THEY HAVE BEEN ALMOST ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO US TO ANSWER
14 OUR QUESTIONS. ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE. YOU'D THINK THAT ROWLAND
15 HEIGHTS WAS THE ONLY COMMUNITY THEY HAVE TO SERVE. SO WE THANK
16 YOU, JULIE, AND YOUR STAFF. WHAT WE HOPED FOR WAS A SET OF
17 STANDARDS WHERE YOU JUST TURN THE KEY AND THE SYSTEM RUNS BY
18 ITSELF. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT THING TO CONSIDER SINCE WE'RE
19 BEING ASKED TO FOREGO THE C.U.P. PROCESS AND THE RIGHT TO
20 EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEARING SYSTEM. 30
21 YEARS AGO, ROWLAND HEIGHTS WAS KNOWN AS A RURAL COMMUNITY WITH
22 A GAS STATION ON EVERY CORNER. TODAY, AS STRANGE AS THIS MIGHT
23 SEEM, WE WELCOME HAVING GAS STATIONS ON EVERY CORNER, AS
24 OPPOSED TO THE CURRENT TREND TOWARD CONSTRUCTING TWO-STORY
25 BUILDINGS ON EVERY CORNER. CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME PEOPLE IN



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1 THIS AUDIENCE BELIEVE, OUR ORGANIZATION IS NOT OPPOSED TO
2 DEVELOPMENT, BUT THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SMART
3 DEVELOPMENT AND DUMB DEVELOPMENT. OUR COUNCIL FEELS THAT THE
4 CURRENT PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO OUR C.S.D. ARE A STEP IN
5 THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT THERE REMAINS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE
6 FAVORABLE TO THE DEVELOPER WITH REGARD TO LOT COVERAGE. ON
7 APPEARANCE, 40% LOT COVERAGE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THAT MUCH OF
8 AN INCREASE VERSUS OUR PREFERENCE OF 33%. THE DIFFERENCE IN
9 SQUARE FOOTAGE, HOWEVER, IS 21%. AGAIN, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE
10 THAT THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ABLE TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS
11 BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IS BEING TAKEN AWAY.
12 IF THE BOARD DOES NOT AGREE WITH AGREEING TO A 33% MAXIMUM LOT
13 COVERAGE, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE VERBIAGE BE
14 CHANGED IN THE PUBLIC INFORMATION SEGMENT OF THE PROPOSED
15 DOCUMENT PERTAINING TO PLOT PLANS AND BUILDING PERMITS. THE
16 CURRENT LANGUAGE DIRECTS THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A
17 LIST OF APPROVED PLOT PLANS AND FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE US
18 WITH A LIST OF APPROVED BUILDING PERMITS. WE WOULD SUGGEST A
19 MORE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE THAT
20 INFORMATION AT THE SAME TIME AS WHEN THE ORIGINAL PLANS ARE
21 SUBMITTED DURING THE INITIAL REVIEW PROCESS. THANK YOU VERY
22 MUCH.

23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANKS. RUSS?



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1 **RUSSELL BELL:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KNABE, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
2 IS RUSSELL BELL. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT-- I LIVE AT 18030
3 COCKLE BURR PLACE, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA. I'VE BEEN A
4 RESIDENT FOR 22 YEARS. I AM A MEMBER, BOARD MEMBER, AND
5 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
6 COORDINATING COUNCIL. I DON'T MEAN TO CROSS ANYONE BUT I AM
7 NEGLECT IN MY UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAPPENED TO OPTION C AFTER
8 THE COUNTY WORKED VERY DILIGENTLY ON DEVELOPING SOME
9 STANDARDS, AFTER THE COUNTY MET WITH THE COMMUNITY MANY, MANY
10 TIMES OVER A PERIOD OF BETTER THAN A YEAR, AFTER EVERYTHING
11 WAS DONE, AFTER THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED
12 OPTION C AS AN AMENDMENT TO OUR C.S.D., WHY WE'RE STILL HERE?
13 I AM VERY NEGLECT IN MY UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAPPENED. THE
14 COMMUNITY ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR
15 CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE DEVELOPERS
16 ASKED FOR SOME STANDARDS THAT THEY COULD UNDERSTAND AND MEET
17 INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH A C.U.P. PROCESS FOR EVERYTHING.
18 STANDARDS WERE SET IN THE OPTION C, STANDARDS WERE ACCEPTED BY
19 THE COMMUNITY. AGAIN, WE'RE STILL HERE. WE ARE WITHOUT NOW THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AT ALL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN OUR
21 COMMUNITY. AND THE STANDARDS THAT WE HAVE ACCEPTED AND AGREED
22 TO MANY, MANY TIMES AT THE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE
23 NO LONGER BEING PRESENTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
24
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. TUNG.



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2 **JAMES TUNG:** MY NAME IS JAMES TUNG. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN THE
3 ROWLAND HEIGHTS SINCE 1999. THROUGHOUT THE FIVE YEARS
4 EXPERIENCE, I CAN TELL THERE'S A DRASTIC DIFFERENCE IN THE
5 AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC. NOW, WITH REFERENCE TO THE TRAFFIC. I CAN
6 SAY THAT, SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF RESTAURANTS AROUND
7 THE COLIMA AND FULLERTON GROVE. SO, ESPECIALLY ON THE
8 WEEKENDS, SATURDAY, SUNDAYS, THE TRAFFIC OUT OF FULLERTON AND
9 COLIMA IS SO JAMMED, SIMPLY BECAUSE OF LOCAL COMMERCIAL
10 DEVELOPMENTS. SO WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS THAT IS THE NUMBER OF
11 RESTAURANTS REALLY MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. VERY SIMPLE EXAMPLE
12 IS, RECENTLY, THAT NEW OFFICE-- THE BUILDING AT THE CORNER OF
13 COLIMA AND NEW GOLES. BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL ASK FOR IS OFFICE
14 BUILDING. NOW THEY HAVE A RESTAURANT. AS FAR AS WE KNOW,
15 THERE'S 22 TOW-AWAY SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE RESTAURANTS, NOT
16 ENOUGH PARKING SPACE. SO THE EXISTENCE OF THE RESTAURANTS DOES
17 MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. THAT'S WHY OUR OPTION C IS, WHEN YOU
18 EXCEED 33%, WE ASK THAT YOU RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF
19 RESTAURANTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SANCHEZ, AND THEN I WOULD
22 ASK-- HANG ON HERE-- DAVID RODRIGUEZ AND KARL KOI AND, LET'S
23 SEE... CHARLES, IS IT CHARLES LIM? GO AHEAD, OSCAR.

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1 **OSCAR SANCHEZ:** MY NAME IS OSCAR SANCHEZ. I HAVE LIVED IN
2 ROWLAND HEIGHTS SINCE 1970 SO I HAVE SEEN TREMENDOUS CHANGES.
3 IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE FREEWAY STOPPED AT FULLERTON
4 ROAD. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. LAMBERT. I'D
5 LIKE TO POINT OUT ONE OF THE THINGS, AND I'LL DO IT BY READING
6 IT SO I CAN BE CONSISTENT ON THE POINTS. THE PREFERENCE OF THE
7 RESIDENTS OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AS EXPRESSED ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY
8 AT SEVERAL OF OUR COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND NUMEROUS REGIONAL
9 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS OVER THE LAST YEAR, IS FOR
10 ADOPTION OF OPTION C, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PREFERENCE THE
11 ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAS MET ON A NUMBER OF
12 OCCASIONS WITH JEFFREY LAMBERT, THE MEDIATOR APPOINTED BY THE
13 COUNTY, TO SEEK A COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO THIS MATTER. MR.
14 LAMBERT SUBMITTED HIS FINAL RECOMMENDATION WITHOUT MEETING
15 WITH OR GIVING THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS A CHANCE TO DISCUSS OR
16 COMMENT ON HIS RECOMMENDATION. OUR COMMUNITY CAN AGREE ON HIS
17 ENTIRE PROPOSAL AS BEING FAIR COMPROMISE WITH ONE EXCEPTION.
18 THAT EXCEPTION CONCERNS THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH RESTAURANTS
19 ARE ALLOWED ON PARCELS LARGER THAN 30,000 SQUARE FEET. BY FAR
20 THE LARGEST CONCERN OF OUR RESIDENTS IS OUR TRAFFIC SITUATION.
21 RESTAURANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY DRAW TRAFFIC FROM THROUGHOUT THE
22 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, FROM NORTH ORANGE COUNTY AND FROM EAST LOS
23 ANGELES TO OUR ALREADY SEVERELY CONGESTED RESTAURANTS. IT IS
24 EXTREMELY FRUSTRATING TO LIVE A MILE OR SO FROM THE FREEWAY
25 AND TO HAVE TO TAKE 20 OR 30 MINUTES JUST TO REACH THE



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1 FREEWAY. IN THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE, WE ACCEPT THE MEDIATOR'S
2 FINAL PROPOSAL, PROVIDED IT IS MODIFIED TO EXTEND THE BAN ON
3 RESTAURANTS TO ALL LOTS THAT ARE DEVELOPED WITH A FOOTPRINT
4 LARGER THAN 33%, WHICH IS WHAT WE HAD ORIGINALLY. THE
5 SUGGESTED CHANGE WOULD STILL PERMIT DEVELOPERS TO CONSTRUCT
6 BUILDINGS TO A 40% FOOTPRINT, WHICH IS MORE THAN WHAT WE HAVE
7 ORIGINALLY, PROVIDING THE USE IS FOR OFFICE AND RETAIL, THUS
8 THE SALES TAX REVENUES WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED. THEY CHOOSE TO
9 INCLUDE RESTAURANTS WITH A HIGHER TRAFFIC, THEN THE SMALLER
10 RESULTING BUILDING WOULD HELP OFFSET THE ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE
11 TRAFFIC THEY WOULD GENERATE. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION
12 TO THIS MATTER.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, OSCAR. DAVID?

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16 **DAVID RODRIGUEZ:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN KNABE AND SUPERVISORS. MY
17 NAME IS DAVID RODRIGUEZ. I'M A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF ROWLAND
18 HEIGHTS AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL'S BOARD
19 OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIR OF ITS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. I JUST
20 WANT TO CORRECT A COMMENT THAT WAS STATED BY THE REGIONAL
21 PLANNING STAFF AND ALSO BY MR. LAMBERT. THIS PROCESS FOR US
22 HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR OVER TWO YEARS-- OR APPROXIMATELY TWO
23 YEARS, I'M SORRY, AND IN EACH COMMUNITY MEETING THAT WE'VE
24 PARTICIPATED IN, OR MEETING HELD BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING
25 COMMISSION OR STAFF, WE WERE TOLD WE NEEDED TO COMPROMISE, AND



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1 SO WE WENT THROUGH OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 4 AND THEN OPTIONS A AND
2 B AND THEN, FINALLY, WE ACCEPTED A STANDARD OPTION C, WHICH WE
3 WERE TOLD WAS AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE POSITION GIVEN THE
4 DEMANDS OF THE DEVELOPERS AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND ALSO
5 THE NEEDS OF THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS RESIDENTS. WELL, LO AND
6 BEHOLD, THE DEVELOPERS SHOWED UP AT THE LAST REGIONAL PLANNING
7 COMMISSION MEETING AND ESSENTIALLY UNDERCUT WHAT THEY HAD
8 OFFERED AS AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE POSITION AND ESSENTIALLY
9 MADE ANOTHER PROPOSAL. THEY ESSENTIALLY REOPENED NEGOTIATIONS.
10 WE MET AS THE BOARD, WE'VE HAD VARIOUS MEETINGS, AS OSCAR AND
11 JAMES AND SOME OF THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS HAVE STATED OVER THESE
12 PAST FEW MONTHS, SINCE OPTION C WAS TENTATIVELY APPROVED BY
13 THE COMMISSION. AND ESSENTIALLY WHAT HAPPENED IS OUR-- THE
14 COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAID OPTION C IS WHAT'S ACCEPTABLE. OPTION C
15 IS WHAT WE NEED. ANYTHING LESS THAN THAT, LESS RESTRICTIVE
16 THAN THAT IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY. I
17 WANT TO REMIND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF A RECENT PUBLIC
18 WORKS STUDY THAT ESSENTIALLY INDICATED THAT 90% OF THE
19 INTERSECTIONS IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS ARE GRADE LEVELS E AND F.
20 THOSE ARE FAILING LEVELS. LAST NIGHT, I JUST WANTED TO SAY,
21 THAT WE HAD OUR LAST BOARD MEETING FOR THE COORDINATING
22 COUNCIL, AND, ESSENTIALLY, WE, AS OSCAR INDICATED, WE FELT
23 THAT JEFF'S PROPOSAL, THE MEDIATOR'S PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTABLE
24 WITH ONE AMENDMENT. THAT AMENDMENT WAS REGARDING RESTAURANTS.
25 IF YOU MAKE THE EXCLUSION FOR RESTAURANTS TO NOT ONLY LOTS



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1 THAT ARE UNDER 30,000 SQUARE FEET, BUT MAKE IT PERTAIN TO ALL
2 LOTS, WE THINK THAT THAT WILL ESSENTIALLY NOT ONLY CONTAIN THE
3 LEVELS OF TRAFFIC WE CURRENTLY HAVE, BUT ACTUALLY, IN THE
4 FUTURE, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC, AS RESTAURANTS ARE
5 REPLACED BY RETAIL USE. AS OSCAR INDICATED WE THINK IT'S A
6 WIN/WIN/WIN SITUATION. SALES TAX REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY, THE
7 DEVELOPERS WOULD ABLE TO GET-- OR BUSINESS OWNERS WOULD GET A
8 PRIME LEASE RATE FOR THE SPACE, AND THE RESIDENTS WOULD WIN
9 BECAUSE OF THE DECREASED AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC. THANK YOU,
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND BOARD MEMBERS.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. KARL, AND THEN CHRIS LIM.

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14 **KARL KOI:** GOOD MORNING, OUR DEAR SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KARL
15 KOI, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF
16 COMMERCE. I HAVE LIVED IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS FROM 1988 UNTIL
17 2002. THAT'S 14 YEARS. WE-- I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CHAMBER.
18 WE WANT TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY
19 MEDIATOR. THE COMMUNITY OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS HAS HAD A
20 MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY NEW COMMERCIAL SPACE OF
21 OVER 15 MONTHS. WHILE WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DEVELOP NEW
22 STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, ONE CONSEQUENCE OF THAT
23 MORATORIUM IS ZERO VACANCIES AND SOME OF THE HIGHEST RENT IN
24 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND IT IS INDEED A FACT THAT, EVEN
25 WITHOUT ANY NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OR WE CAN SUPPOSEDLY



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1 STOP ANY COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHT NOW IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS,
2 STILL, WE STILL HAVE THIS TRAFFIC PROBLEM. SO WHAT THE OTHER
3 GENTLEMEN WERE CLAIMING THAT NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL
4 IMPACT ON THE-- OR NO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OR LOW COMMERCIAL
5 DEVELOPMENT WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS
6 IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED
7 BY THE MEDIATOR ADDRESS FAIRLY THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE
8 COUNCIL, AT THE SAME TIME RECOGNIZE THE RIGHTS OF THE
9 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS. THESE NEW STANDARDS ARE STRICTER
10 THAN THOSE OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES OF WALNUT, DIAMOND
11 BAR AND THE CITY OF INDUSTRY. THEY REQUIRE LESS INTENSE
12 DEVELOPMENT AND MANDATE BETTER DESIGN, PROVIDE MORE
13 LANDSCAPING AND DEAL WITH UNIQUE SMALL PARCEL SIZES FOUND
14 THROUGHOUT ROWLAND HEIGHTS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MEDIATOR HAS
15 PROPOSED A WORKABLE SET OF STANDARDS THAT WILL GIVE EVERYONE A
16 CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS ALLOWED AND WHAT ISN'T. IT WILL
17 ALSO BENEFIT A COMMUNITY BY ALLOWING THOSE PROJECTS THAT MEET
18 ALL THE STANDARDS TO PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. THE
19 CHAMBER WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISORS MOLINA AND KNABE FOR
20 THEIR EFFORTS AND HARD WORK OF THEIR STAFF ON THIS MATTER AND
21 FOR PROVIDING A MEDIATOR TO BRING ALL THE PARTIES TO A
22 CONSENSUS. IT HAS NOT BEEN AN EASY PROCESS BUT IT HAS MADE FOR
23 A MUCH CLEARER UNDERSTANDING BY ALL THE PARTIES OF THE
24 CONCERNS OF THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK, AND SHOP IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS.



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1 I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT OVER 220-- I MEAN, 2,220-- 2,200

2 SIGNATURES SUPPORTING OUR POSITION HERE, IF I MAY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SURE. THANK YOU, KARL. CHRIS, AND THEN I'M

5 GOING TO CALL UP ROY HUMPHREYS, LARRY FISHMAN, AND DAVID LEE.

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7 **KARL KOI:** SUPERVISOR, CAN I USE A FEW MORE SECONDS?

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** JUST A FEW MORE.

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11 **KARL KOI:** IF I'M PERMITTED, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL FOR THE

12 PEOPLE PRESENT AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING SUPPORTING OUR POSITION

13 TO STAND UP, IF I MAY.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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17 **KARL KOI:** PLEASE STAND UP.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **KARL KOI:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. [APPLAUSE CONTINUES]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CHRIS AND THEN I'D ASK ROY

24 HUMPHREYS, AND LARRY FISHMAN AND DAVID LEE TO JOIN US HERE,

25 PLEASE.



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2 **CHRIS LIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

3 MY NAME IS CHRIS LIM. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

4 ON BEHALF OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ALSO AS A

5 DEVELOPER. I'M A MEMBER-- I'M A CHAIRMAN OF-- CHAIR OF

6 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND A PROPERTY

7 OWNER IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. I WANT TO ENDORSE THE PROPOSAL THAT

8 WAS PRESENTED BY MEDIATOR. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE POSITION OF

9 THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS THAT WE WILL BE AGREEABLE TO

10 NEW STANDARDS AS LONG AS THEY WERE REASONABLE AND

11 UNDERSTANDABLE. IT IS ALSO OUR POSITION THAT, IF WE ARE ABLE

12 TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE STANDARD, THEN WE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO

13 PROCESS WITH OUR PROJECT, WITHOUT FURTHER REVIEW. THE COUNTY

14 C.U.P. PROCESS IS COSTLY AND TAKES TOO MUCH TIME. IT IS ALSO

15 UNCERTAIN BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOUR PROJECT

16 WILL BE APPROVED UNTIL END OF THE PROCESS AND ALL THE APPEALS.

17 IT IS FAR BETTER TO CREATE A CLEAR SET OF STANDARDS AND LET

18 CONSTRUCTION BEGIN IF ALL THE STANDARDS HAVE BEEN MET. AFTER

19 ALL, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PROPERTY THAT THE COMMUNITY PLAN HAS

20 ALREADY ZONED AND DESIGNED FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS

21 NOT A CASE OF CHANGE OF USE OF A PARCEL OR THE LAND. IF ALL

22 THE STANDARDS HAVE BEEN MET, THERE'S NO NEED FOR FURTHER

23 DISCUSSION AND REVIEW. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MEDIATOR AND THE

24 COUNTY STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF C.S.D. PROPOSAL ADDRESS ALL OF

25 THESE CONCERNS. ALSO I'D LIKE TO REQUEST COUNTY COUNSEL TO



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1 EXPEDITE THE PROCESS. SINCE THE SUBMITTAL OF OUR DEVELOPMENT
2 PLAN, IT HAS BEEN OVER 15 MONTHS SITTING WITH VACANT LOTS AND
3 THE WEEDS ARE GROWING. AND IT'S GOING ON ALMOST TWO YEARS OF
4 WAITING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR
5 EFFORTS AND THE MEDIATORS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. HUMPHREYS.

8

9 **ROY HUMPHREYS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ROY HUMPHREYS, 18-YEAR
10 RESIDENT OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS, A MEMBER AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE
11 ROWLAND HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, NEWLY FORMED AS OF
12 JANUARY. AND, FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I PRIMARILY
13 SUPPORT THE FINDINGS OF THE MEDIATOR AND WANTED TO THANK
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND GLORIA MOLINA ON THEIR EFFORTS AND
15 PATIENCE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO-- AND THE RESIDENTS' SIDE OF THE
16 SITUATION ARE NOT AS ATTUNED TO THIS TYPE OF ENDEAVOR, AND
17 EMPHASIS ON A COUPLE OF ISSUES NOTICED, THAT THE ITEM OF PRIOR
18 NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION AND SO FORTH IS VERY IMPORTANT. ALSO
19 THE ISSUE THAT THEY ADDED INTO THE MINIMUM OF 10 PARKING
20 SPACES BECAUSE WE ARE IN A CRITICAL PARKING CRUNCH SITUATION,
21 WHICH EVERYBODY SEEMS TO ACKNOWLEDGE, AND THE THING IS
22 OVERSIGHT ON THESE PROJECTS. AS YOU MAY KNOW THAT, MOST
23 RECENTLY, PROJECTS WERE DONE WITHOUT PROPER OVERSIGHT AND WITH
24 THE PROBLEMS THAT WENT ALONG WITH THAT WOULD TAKE CARE OF A
25 LOT OF GRIEF. AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE MISS MOORE COMMENT,



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1 EVERY CAR ADDITIONALLY THAT COMES INTO ROWLAND HEIGHTS IS A
2 CRUNCH. WE HAVE TWO AVENUES. ONE IS COLIMA, FULLERTON, AND WE
3 ARE IN A VERY TIGHT SITUATION ON THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE. AND
4 SOMETHING-- ON THE DEFINITION-- ON THE PROPOSAL, AT LEAST THE
5 ONE I HAVE, AND OBVIOUSLY THE FINAL LANGUAGE WILL COME OUT AND
6 EXPAND ON THINGS, BUT THE WORD "NET" AS FAR AS THE OTHER--
7 LET'S SAY THE SHRUBS AND SO FORTH, THE LANDSCAPING SITUATION
8 HASN'T BEEN EXACTLY WHAT THAT TERM MEANS. I IMAGINE WE'LL GET
9 THAT IRONED OUT. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN ARDUOUS BUT,
10 HOPEFULLY, IN THE END, THINGS WILL WORK OUT WELL FOR US.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. FISHMAN
13 AND THEN MR. LEE.

14

15 **LARRY FISHMAN:** SUPERVISORS, I AM A LONG-TERM PROPERTY OWNER IN
16 ROWLAND HEIGHTS. WE HAVE HAD A SUPERMARKET ANCHORED CENTER AT
17 THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF COLIMA AND BRAY CANYON CUTOFF, FAIRWAY
18 DRIVE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS. WE
19 DEVELOPED IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS BACK WHEN IT WAS COW PASTURES,
20 THERE WAS NOT EVEN A STOP SIGN AT OUR INTERSECTION. WE AGREE
21 WITH THE COORDINATING COUNCIL THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF PROBLEMS
22 BUT, OVER THE LAST 15 MONTHS, WE, TOO, HAVE WATCHED THE
23 PROCESS. WE, TOO, HAVE SEEN OPTION C BEING PRESENTED WHICH
24 PRESENTS SOME SERIOUS OPERATIONAL ISSUES, WE THINK, FOR THE
25 COUNTY AS WELL AS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS OUT THERE. WE ARE VERY



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1 SUPPORTIVE OF THE COMPROMISE THAT HAS BEEN REACHED THROUGH THE
2 MEDIATOR. WE THINK IT'S A GOOD COMPROMISE. WE ARE NOT GOING TO
3 BE IMPACTED AS LONG AS SOMETHING MOVES FORWARD. WE, TOO, HAVE
4 WAITED FOR 15 MONTHS WITH TAKEOUT RESTAURANTS THAT CAN'T
5 BECOME SIT-DOWN UNDER ALL OF THESE PROPOSALS. WE'RE ABLE TO
6 MOVE FORWARD. WE HAVE 28% LOT COVERAGE, WE HAVE MORE THAN
7 SUFFICIENT PARKING. THE CODE REQUIRES 10 PARKING PER-- I
8 THINK, FOR EVERY THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF RESTAURANTS. THE
9 COMPROMISE ADDRESSES A LOT OF SIGNIFICANT ISSUES. TO GO BACK
10 TO OPTION C, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE C.U.P.S TO DO ANY CHANGES FOR
11 RESTAURANTS OR ANY SORT OF NEW DEVELOPMENT, WOULD TRULY PUT A
12 HARDSHIP ON THE SMALL MERCHANTS AND OUR PROPERTIES AND OTHERS
13 OUT THERE AND WOULD PROBABLY CREATE SOME OTHER HARDSHIPS. AND
14 WE'RE SUPPORTIVE OF THE COMPROMISE AND WE HAVE SUBMITTED 750
15 SIGNATURES IN FAVOR OF A SIT-DOWN-- IN FAVOR OF A TAKEOUT
16 RESTAURANT ONLY THAT WISHES SIMPLY TO PUT A FEW SEATS IN SO
17 THEIR PATRONS DON'T HAVE TO SIT ON MY PLANTERS ALL THE TIME
18 OUT THERE. WE THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND WE THANK SUPERVISOR
19 MOLINA FOR THEIR EFFORTS PARTICULARLY. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. LEE.

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23 **DAVID LEE:** MY APOLOGIES. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME, BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID LEE. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF
25 OF THE PROPERTY OWNER ON FULLERTON AND COLIMA.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHERE DID YOU SAY?

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4 **DAVID LEE:** FULLERTON AND COLIMA. IT IS ONE OF THE PROPERTIES
5 UNDER TOPIC RIGHT NOW. WE COMMEND WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS TRYING
6 TO DO. IT'S TRYING TO COME TO A COMPROMISE IN REGARDS TO THIS
7 ZONING LAWS AND WE LOVE WORKING WITH THEM, BUT THERE ARE SOME
8 THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS. THE FIRST THING IS THE
9 COMMUNITY'S GOALS WERE IN THREE PARTS: ONE, TO BEAUTIFY
10 COMMERCIAL AREAS AND HIGHWAYS; TWO, IMPROVE TRAFFIC
11 CIRCULATION; THREE, BALANCE PROJECTED GROWTH AND DEVELOP WITH
12 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS IS
13 THAT, ON FEBRUARY 10, 2004, JAMES HARGROVE WROTE TO YOU, THIS
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND MENTIONED IN HIS LETTER THAT THIS
15 WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE AFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT,
16 SO EITHER WAY IT GOES, THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE GIVEN SO
17 FAR WITH NOT HELP ENVIRONMENTALLY, WHICH IS ONE OF THE THREE.
18 NUMBER TWO, ABOUT-- TALKING ABOUT TRAFFIC, IMPROVING TRAFFIC,
19 ONE OF THE BIGGEST REASONS WE HAVE TRAFFIC IN THAT AREA IS
20 FULLERTON. FULLERTON IS A MAJOR AVENUE THAT GOES FROM ORANGE--
21 TO COUNTY-- ORANGE COUNTY. NOW, I'M NOT SAYING THAT THE
22 TRAFFIC IS BAD BUT RARELY IS THE CASE DO YOU GET TO SEE--
23 LISTEN AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE CONSIDERATIONS FROM ALL PARTIES,
24 AND, IN THIS CASE, RESTAURANTS ARE NOT THE SOLE PROBLEMS OF
25 THE TRAFFIC. THERE ARE AVENUES THAT COME FROM OTHER MAJOR



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1 CITIES, COME FROM DAIMLER, COME FROM WALNUT, AND COME FROM
2 ORANGE. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT I-- BASICALLY--
3 BASICALLY, WE DO WANT TO HELP THE PROBLEMS BUT WE DON'T THINK
4 THE SOLUTIONS THAT ARE GIVEN WILL ACTUALLY HELP ALLEVIATE THE
5 PROBLEMS. WE THINK THAT THERE ARE BETTER WAYS OF DOING IT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THERE BEING NO FURTHER SPEAKERS,
8 I THINK-- I DON'T KNOW IF-- I THINK, FROM MY-- JUST A COUPLE
9 QUESTIONS BEFORE I MAKE SOME COMMENTS. I DON'T KNOW IF EITHER
10 JULIE OR MR. LAMBERT WANT TO RESPOND TO ANYTHING. I'D LIKE TO
11 ASK COUNTY COUNSEL AS IT RELATES TO THE ISSUE OF-- I THINK
12 THEY PHRASED IT "ALL RESTAURANTS," AS IT RELATES TO THAT
13 PARTICULAR ISSUE. I KNOW THAT, IN THE CONVERSATION WITH THEM
14 AND OTHERS, THERE HAS BEEN SOME LEGAL CONCERNS EXPRESSED. SO
15 COULD YOU COMMENT ON THAT, RAY?

16

17 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AS MR.
18 LAMBERT SAID, THE RESTRICTION, AS IT'S CURRENTLY WRITTEN IN
19 THE MEDIATOR'S ALTERNATIVE, PROVIDES FOR NO MORE THAN 33% LOT
20 COVERAGE INVOLVING RESTAURANTS FOR LOTS OF 30,000 SQUARE FEET
21 OR SMALLER. THAT CAN BE, YOU KNOW, JUSTIFIED FROM A LEGAL
22 STANDPOINT BECAUSE, AS HE INDICATED, SMALLER LOTS ARE MORE
23 CONSTRAINED IN TERMS OF PARKING AND CIRCULATION WITHIN THE
24 LOT. WE WOULD FEEL LESS COMFORTABLE, FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT,
25 IF THAT WERE TO APPLY TO MUCH LARGER LOTS IN THAT IT'S HARDER



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1 TO JUSTIFY, FROM A NEXUS STANDPOINT, A RESTRICTION LIMITING IT
2 IN THAT FASHION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AS IT RELATES TO ONE PARTICULAR INDUSTRY OR
5 ONE ENTITY KIND OF THING. IS THAT THE ISSUE?

6

7 **RICHARD WEISS:** NO, IT'S WITH RESPECT TO, IF YOU'RE GOING TO
8 TALK ABOUT RESTAURANTS, IT'S ONE THING BASED UPON THE SIZE OF
9 THE LOT TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE TIED TO CONSTRAINTS ON
10 THE LOTS. IN THIS CASE, WE CAN JUSTIFY IT FROM THE FACT THAT
11 30,000 SQUARE FEET OR SMALLER IS LIKELY-- MORE LIKELY TO HAVE
12 A PROBLEM WITH LARGER LOT COVERAGE BECAUSE OF PARKING ISSUES
13 AND DRIVEWAY AND CIRCULATION.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THEN, I THINK, MR. LAMBERT, UNDER YOUR
16 RECOMMENDATIONS, RESTAURANTS OVER 2,500 SQUARE FEET ARE
17 REQUIRED TO HAVE A DISCRETIONARY DIRECTOR'S REVIEW, IS THAT...

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19 **JEFFREY LAMBERT:** THAT'S CORRECT, YES.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DID YOU-- EITHER ONE OF YOU WANT TO RESPOND
22 TO ANY OF THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE?

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24 **JULIE MOORE:** I THINK THERE WERE SOME COMMENTS REGARDING THE
25 PUBLIC INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED OF BOTH THE



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1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
2 PLANNING, AND I THINK THAT THE WAY THAT THE C.S.D. CURRENTLY
3 READS, IT ADDRESSES A REQUIREMENT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT
4 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PLOT PLANS AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS
5 SUBMITTED. WE CAN ALSO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE APPROVED
6 PERMITS AND PLOT PLANS BUT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR BOTH--
7 IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
8 PROVIDE REPORTS AS WELL ON BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED. I KNOW
9 THAT THE TESTIMONY THAT CAME FROM THE COORDINATING COUNCIL IS
10 THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO-- THEY THINK IT'S MORE APPROPRIATE FOR
11 THAT INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THEM AT THE APPLICATION
12 STAGE OR JUST AFTER THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED. AND THAT
13 CREATES KIND OF AN ISSUE ABOUT, YOU KNOW, HOW FREQUENT THE
14 NOTIFICATION HAS TO BE SUBMITTED. WE COULD DO IT ON A MORE
15 FREQUENT BASIS THAN MONTHLY BUT, RIGHT NOW, WE PROVIDE
16 INFORMATION ON A MONTHLY BASIS. IT'S UP TO THE BOARD, THAT--
17 IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE IT MORE FREQUENTLY, WE
18 COULD.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, AS YOUR DEPARTMENT'S BOARD LETTER
21 POINTS OUT, I THINK THAT, WHILE APPROVING THE CURRENT C.S.D.
22 AMENDMENT, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, YOU KNOW, ASKED
23 STAFF TO RESEARCH THESE VARIOUS CONCERNS RAISED BY BOTH THE
24 BUSINESS COMMUNITY AS WELL, AND, MORE PARTICULARLY, THE
25 COMMUNITY. AND, YOU KNOW, THE MINUTES REFLECTED FROM THE



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1 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO US AS IT RELATED TO MR. BELL'S
2 QUESTION, AS RELATED TO OPTION C, THAT THEY FELT THEY HAD TO
3 MAKE SOME SORT OF DECISION AT THE HEARING BECAUSE OF THE
4 EXPIRATION OF THE URGENCY ORDINANCE. MY OFFICE, ALONG WITH
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S, AGREED TO HIRE YOU, MR. LAMBERT, TO MEET
6 WITH THE VARIOUS PARTIES INVOLVED AND THE COUNTY PLANNING
7 DEPARTMENT AND I JUST WOULD DEVIATE, AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT,
8 TO THANK BOTH OF YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND PERSISTENCE AND
9 WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH US ALL, BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT ONLY
10 GETTING, YOU KNOW, REQUESTS FROM BOTH-- SEVERAL PARTIES OUT IN
11 THE COMMUNITY, BUT FROM BOTH OF OUR OFFICES AS WELL, TOO. AND
12 I KNOW THAT, MR. LAMBERT, YOU'VE MET WITH THE COORDINATING
13 COUNCIL OR ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON ABOUT FOUR DIFFERENT
14 OCCASIONS AND WITH THE CHAMBER ON ABOUT THREE DIFFERENT
15 OCCASIONS, AND NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS AND E-MAILS THAT I WAS
16 PRIVY TO. ALSO, STAFF MEMBERS FROM BOTH MY OFFICE AND
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S HAVE MET WITH BOTH THE COORDINATING
18 COUNCIL IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. I
19 THINK THAT, SAYING THIS, THAT BOTH OF OUR OFFICES WERE
20 CONCERNED. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, WE BOTH FELT VERY STRONGLY
21 SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE DONE IN THE AREA BECAUSE OF SOME THINGS
22 THAT CAME UP. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT, THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS,
23 HAVE REALLY BEEN DETERMINED IS THE FACT THAT SOME OF THESE
24 ISSUES WERE NOT PLANNING ISSUES BUT REALLY ENFORCEMENT ISSUES.
25 AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT



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1 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCESS SOME DOLLARS THAT-- MY OFFICE WILL
2 FUND AN ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JUST FOR THE ROWLAND
3 HEIGHTS COMMUNITY OUT THERE BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME SIGNIFICANT
4 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES THAT WERE UNCOVERED IN THIS PLANNING
5 PROCESS. I HAVE A MOTION THAT BOTH SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I
6 HAVE AGREED TO, AND I'LL READ THAT AND THEN ALLOW HER TO MAKE
7 HER COMMENTS. THE EXISTING ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY STANDARDS
8 DISTRICT DOES NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE UNIQUE LAND USE
9 PROBLEMS IN THE AREA. EXPANSIVE COMMERCIAL QUARTERS IN THE
10 AREA, COUPLED WITH HEAVY TRAFFIC, COMMUTER TRAFFIC ALONG THE
11 MAJOR ARTERIALS, CREATE A VERY DIFFICULT CIRCULATION
12 ENVIRONMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS. A TRIP TO THE LOCAL STORE MAY
13 TAKE AS LONG AS 30 TO 40 MINUTES DURING PEAK TRAVEL TIMES,
14 EVEN WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN CONDITIONS PLACED UPON DEVELOPMENT
15 THAT WERE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY BOTH THE RESIDENTS AND THE
16 DEVELOPER BUSINESS OWNER. THERE HAS BEEN A LACK OF
17 COORDINATION BY THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT WITH REGARDS TO THEIR
18 IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICABILITY. ROWLAND HEIGHTS BUSINESSES
19 AND ITS RESIDENTS TOGETHER FORM THE LIFE BLOOD OF THIS VERY
20 VIBRANT COMMUNITY. THIS NEW COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT WILL
21 ENACT REVISED STANDARDS THAT WILL ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL CO-
22 EXISTENCE OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USES IN THE COMMUNITY.
23 SO WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
24 AND DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL ORDINANCE FOR
25 THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT USING THE



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1 MEDIATOR'S RECOMMENDATION SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CHANGE:
2 ONE, NEW BUILDINGS IN COMMERCIAL ZONES SHALL HAVE A SETBACK OF
3 20 FEET ALONG FULLERTON AND COLIMA ROADS, NOGALES STREET,
4 FAIRWAY DRIVE AND BREA CANYON CUTOFF ROAD. WE FURTHER MOVE
5 THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
6 NOTIFY THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL,
7 ROWLAND HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE NEW ROWLAND
8 HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION OF ALL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED
9 WITHIN THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS C.S.D. AREA BY WAY OF A WRITTEN
10 MONTHLY REPORT AND INSTRUCT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
11 TO ADOPT A POLICY REGARDING THE TIMING OF THE FIRST CONDITION
12 CHECK ON DISCRETIONARY APPROVALS PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE
13 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY AND THAT SUCH DISCUSSION BY THE
14 COMMISSION TAKE PLACE AT THE FIRST AVAILABLE MEETING.
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO SECOND THAT MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR
18 KNABE HAS MADE, AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO JOIN WITH HIM IN THANKING
19 THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS WELL AS THE ROWLAND
20 HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL. I KNOW THEY'VE PUT AN
21 AWFUL LOT OF EFFORT AND TIME INTO IT, AND I KNOW IT WAS A
22 TOUGH TIME AS WELL. I HOPE THAT THIS PROCESS WILL, HOPEFULLY,
23 BRING ABOUT SOME UNITY AS A COMMUNITY AND BRING PEOPLE
24 TOGETHER BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IT WAS A TOUGH TIME FOR THEM ALL,
25 BUT THE REALITY IS THAT, HOPEFULLY, WHAT WE HAVE CONCLUDED



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1 HERE WILL BE A BENEFICIAL-- BENEFICIAL TO BOTH, ALTHOUGH IT
2 DOESN'T MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY AS THEY'D LIKE IT TO BE. I'D LIKE
3 TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL. I KNOW THAT THEY WORKED
4 REALLY HARD TO FIND SOME BALANCE HERE AND SOME MIDDLE GROUND,
5 AND I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE STAFF WORK THAT WAS PUT IN
6 BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND ALL THE STAFF WORK THAT WENT
7 INTO IT. THIS WAS A COMPROMISE THAT WAS, I KNOW, TOUGH IN
8 COMING BUT I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE HERE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND
9 MY CONGRATULATIONS AND MY THANKS TO OUR MEDIATOR, JEFF
10 LAMBERT. HE WAS ABLE TO BRING HIS SKILLS IN TRYING TO BUILD A
11 CONSENSUS. THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT HE CRAFTED FOR AND IN THE
12 PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION, HE CRAFTED A CONSENSUS THAT DOESN'T
13 MAKE EITHER SIDE TOTALLY HAPPY BUT IT'S THE WAY WE CAN ACHIEVE
14 CONSENSUS AND GET TO A MIDDLE GROUND. AND SO I AM HOPEFUL, AND
15 I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS EFFORT, I AM HOPEFUL, THOUGH, THAT
16 THE COMMUNITY CAN COME TOGETHER NOW AND START WORKING
17 TOGETHER. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF MAKING SURE THAT WE
18 HAVE SUCCESS IN THE COMMUNITY AND THAT'S UNITING TOGETHER. WE
19 ALWAYS DON'T GET WHAT WE WANT COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY BUT, IF
20 YOU LOOK AT IT AS A WHOLE, I THINK EACH OF YOU BENEFIT FROM
21 THIS COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT, SO CONGRATULATIONS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF
24 STAFF, ANY ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AT ALL? OKAY. IF
25 NOT, ANY FINAL COMMENT FROM THE COUNCIL? JULIE? MR. LAMBERT?



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1 OKAY. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND TO
2 ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO COME DOWN, WE
3 APPRECIATE IT. AND, AGAIN, WE KNOW THAT EVERYONE IS NOT HAPPY
4 BUT THIS IS A GOOD START AND SO WE THANK YOU FOR COMING
5 TOGETHER TO ALLOW US THIS MOMENT IN TIME. SO, WITH THAT, IT'S
6 BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WITH NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, ARE THERE
7 ANY OBJECTIONS? HEARING NONE, SO ORDERED. DO YOU NEED A ROLL
8 CALL ON THAT? THANK YOU ALL. APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU ALL VERY
9 MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. BACK TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. DO
12 YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO TO THE NEXT ONE.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO-- I WOULD-- IF YOU CAN
17 JUST QUIETLY LEAVE, PLEASE. I WOULD MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN
18 IN MEMORY OF FIRE CAPTAIN DANIEL ELKINS, WHO WAS STATIONED AT
19 FIRE STATION IN 117, LANCASTER, ALL MEMBERS, WHO WAS INVOLVED
20 IN A SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT AND PASSED AWAY OF HIS INJURIES.
21 HE LIVED IN THE QUARTZ HILL AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WAS A
22 20-YEAR VETERAN OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
23 WIFE AND THEIR TWO WONDERFUL CHILDREN. OBVIOUSLY, HE WAS PART
24 OF THAT FIRE TEAM THAT WAS FIGHTING THAT BIG FIRE UP THERE. SO
25 TO MRS. ELKINS AND TO THE CHILDREN AND TO ALL THE FAMILY



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1 MEMBERS, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
2 MEMORY OF H.E. THOMAS KLESTIL, WHO WAS PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIA,
3 WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 6TH AT THE AGE OF 71. HE WAS ELECTED
4 IN 1992 AND WAS SERVING HIS SECOND SIX-YEAR TERM. HIS
5 PRESIDENCY WAS TO HAVE ENDED ON JULY 8TH. MR. KLESTIL
6 ESTABLISHED THE AUSTRIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL HERE IN LOS ANGELES
7 IN 1969 AND SERVED AS THE FIRST AUSTRIAN CONSUL-GENERAL FROM
8 1969 TO 1975. 1978, HE WAS APPOINTED AUSTRIA'S AMBASSADOR OF
9 THE UNITED NATIONS. FOUR YEARS LATER, HE BECAME THE AMBASSADOR
10 TO THE UNITED STATES. HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY SPEAKING OUT
11 NUMEROUS TIMES AGAINST AUSTRIA'S NAZI COMPLICITY DURING THE
12 WAR. HE TRAVELED TO ISRAEL DURING HIS FIRST TERM AND EXPRESSED
13 SYMPATHY FOR HOLOCAUST VICTIMS. PRESIDENT KLESTIL WAS LAID TO
14 REST IN VIENNA ON JULY 10TH, WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS
15 PEOPLE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARGO AND A DAUGHTER AND
16 TWO SONS. ALL MEMBERS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY ADJOURNING?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
2 BELLA LEWITZKY. BELLA WAS A RENOWNED DANCER, CHOREOGRAPHER AND
3 TEACHER AND DANCE TROUPE FOUNDER WHO RECENTLY SUCCUMBED FROM A
4 STROKE AT THE AGE OF 88. SHE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE
5 DEVELOPMENT, OBVIOUSLY, OF THE BELLA LEWITZKY DANCE COMPANY
6 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SHE WAS A KEY PLAYER IN THE DEVELOPMENT
7 OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE HERE AND DOWNTOWN. AND HER SHADOW ON
8 THE FIELD OF DANCE IS CAST LONG AND WIDE, ALL AROUND THE
9 COUNTRY AND BEYOND. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, NEWELL
10 TAYLOR REYNOLDS, A DAUGHTER, NORA REYNOLDS DANIEL, AND TWO
11 GRANDSONS, KEENA AND ROSS MCEWEN. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
12 MEMORY OF ELMA CORNING, THE OLDEST LIVING WOMAN IN CALIFORNIA,
13 WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY, AND WAS A VERY LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF
14 THE THIRD DISTRICT, PROBABLY BEFORE IT WAS A THIRD DISTRICT,
15 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 112. SHE IS SURVIVED BY A SON,
16 RUSSELL, AGE 80. I ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KIM
17 KIMBALL, LAVERNE ALBERT "KIM" KIMBALL. I THINK WE ALL KNEW
18 KIM, RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, LONG-TIME TRANSIT EXECUTIVE AND
19 FORMER CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WHO PASSED AWAY OF
21 CANCER AT THE AGE OF 75 IN NORTHRIDGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
22 WIFE, JENNIFER, THREE SONS AND A DAUGHTER. I THINK ALL MEMBERS
23 PROBABLY ON KIM KIMBALL. MR. CHAIRMAN, I WAS HOLDING ITEM 54
24 AND IT'S ON THE C.L.E.A.R. ITEM. AND I JUST HAVE ONE
25 AMENDMENT. WE DISCUSSED IT, I THINK, WITH MR. ANTONOVICH'S



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1 STAFF, AND I THINK WE'RE-- I'LL JUST READ IT. THE BOARD'S
2 ALLOCATION TO THE SHERIFF-- THIS IS ON THE C.L.E.A.R. ITEM.
3 THE BOARD'S ALLOCATION TO THE SHERIFF OF 224,000 DOLLARS, THE
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY \$374,000 AND PROBATION, \$375,000 IS MEANT TO
5 MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF FUNDING THAT EACH AGENCY RECEIVED LAST
6 YEAR. THE BOARD'S ALLOCATION IS BASED ON THE CURRENT ESTIMATE
7 OF EACH AGENCY'S SHORTFALL OF FEDERAL FUNDING. I MOVE THAT THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
9 TO MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENT NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT EACH AGENCY'S
10 TOTAL ALLOCATION FROM A COMBINATION OF FEDERAL FUNDING AND NET
11 COUNTY COST BACKFILL RESULT IN A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF
12 \$356,000 FOR THE SHERIFF, 596 FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND
13 584,000 FOR PROBATION. THIS MAINTAINS THE PORTIONALITY OF
14 WHERE THEY WERE AT THE-- IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE. THAT'S IT FOR
22 ME.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I ALREADY DID MY ADJOURNMENTS. I HELD
25 ITEM 1-H. AND I JUST-- WHAT I WANT, FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE



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1 RECORD, IF MR. JACKSON OR SOMEONE FROM HIS DEPARTMENT IS HERE
2 TO LET US KNOW WHO THIS IMPACTS. THERE'S SOME DISCUSSION
3 WHETHER IT'S JUST NEW OR EXISTING. OBVIOUSLY, POTENTIAL IMPACT
4 HERE IN SECTION 8 COULD BE... CARLOS?

5

6 **CARLOS JACKSON:** SUPERVISOR. THE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL IMPACT
7 NEW APPLICANTS TO THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM AS WELL THOSE WHO ARE
8 ON THE EXISTING PROGRAM PLANNING TO MOVE TO A NEW LOCATION. IT
9 WOULD NOT IMPACT THOSE WHO ARE IN PLACE CURRENTLY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT WILL APPLY TO WHO?

12

13 **CARLOS JACKSON:** TO NEW APPLICANTS ENTERING THE PROGRAM. TO
14 PEOPLE WHO ARE PLANNING TO MOVE FROM ONE UNIT TO ANOTHER, AND
15 THOSE WHO ARE COMING IN FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTIONS, THEY HAVE
16 HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHAT ABOUT-- I THOUGHT THAT I UNDERSTOOD
19 THAT THERE WOULD BE A-- EVEN TO EXISTING A YEAR LETTER.

20

21 **CARLOS JACKSON:** NOW, FOR THOSE THAT ARE ON THE PROGRAM
22 CURRENTLY, WE ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE THEM A ONE-YEAR NOTICE
23 ABOUT THE CHANGE, WHICH MEANS THAT, IF-- WHEN WE IMPLEMENT
24 THIS WITH THE BOARD APPROVAL ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, THE FIRST BATCH



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1 OF THOSE WHO ARE ON AN EXISTING PROGRAM WOULD BE SEPTEMBER '05
2 THAT WOULD BE IMPACTED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO THEY-- WILL THEY BE GETTING A LETTER
5 IMMEDIATELY, THEN, AND SO WE SHOULD EXPECT AN INFLUX OF CALLS?
6 IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TELLING US?

7

8 **CARLOS JACKSON:** YOU AS WELL AS OURSELF.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, I MEAN, HOW MANY
11 PEOPLE DO YOU ESTIMATE ARE CURRENTLY ON THE SECTION 8?

12

13 **CARLOS JACKSON:** RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ABOUT
14 20,200 SECTION 8 VOLUNTEERS, SO IT IS A LARGE NUMBER. THE
15 UNFORTUNATE THING IS THE FACT THAT OUR REDUCED FUNDING FOR THE
16 SECTION 8 PROGRAM HAS OCCURRED AND WE'RE LOOKING AT WAYS TO
17 AVOID, REALLY, THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ABOUT CANCELING SECTION 8
18 CONTRACTS OR SHUTTING OFF THE WAITING LIST. THAT IS NOT TO SAY
19 THAT IF, IN THE FUTURE, THE FUNDING CONTINUES TO BE REDUCED, I
20 MAY HAVE TO COME BACK WITH FURTHER DRASTIC CHANGES, PROPOSED
21 CHANGES, BUT, CURRENTLY, WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS MINIMIZE THE
22 IMPACT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WITH THAT, MOVED BY
25 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT



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1 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HELD ITEM
2 NUMBER 5. OKAY. ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK UNDER ITEM 5? OKAY.
3 LADY CAGE-BARILE, MICHELLE AUTRY-- YVONNE AUTRY, I'M SORRY,
4 LORRAINE MABETT AND MARILYN MABETT. OKAY. DID THE MABETTS
5 LEAVE? OKAY. I'LL CALL THEM IN A MINUTE. THEN IF THEY'LL JUST
6 WAIT, I'LL CALL UP, TO JOIN THESE TWO, DAVID HERNANDEZ AND TED
7 HAYES. OKAY. PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD. YOU HAVE
8 A MINUTE.

9

10 **LADY CAGE-BARILE:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
11 IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK IN HOPES THAT SUPERVISORS MOLINA, ZEV,
12 AND YVONNE WILL REDEEM THEMSELVES BY VOTING "YES" ON ITEM 5.
13 IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS, IT SAYS BAD COMPANY CREATES BAD
14 MORALS. YESTERDAY IN OCEANSIDE, THE COUNCILMEN AND
15 COUNCILWOMEN VOTED TO PUT ON THEIR CHAMBERS' WALLS, IN GOD WE
16 TRUST. THEY ARE NOW CHALLENGING A.C.L.U. AS I STATED BEFORE, I
17 HOLD A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE AND I'M CURRENTLY
18 ACQUIRING MY TEACHERS CERTIFICATION THROUGH PEPPERDINE. THIS
19 BOOK, REDISCOVERING THE GOLDEN STATE, CALIFORNIA GEOGRAPHY,
20 MOLINA SHOULD READ IT, ZEV SOME READ IT, AND YVONNE SHOULD
21 READ IT. THIS BOOK IS A BOOK THAT WILL-- IT'S USED TO TEACH
22 KIDS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA. IT INCLUDES RELIGION, IT
23 INCLUDES CHRISTIANITY AND IT INCLUDES THE CROSS. SO, THINGS
24 THAT YOU MAY HAVE OBJECTION TO, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP
25 HISTORY FROM HAPPENING. IT WILL BE TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS. THE



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1 CROSS IS PART OF CALIFORNIA'S HISTORY. THE FRONTIER WAS OPENED
2 BY CHRISTIANS AND THEY INVITED EVERYONE ELSE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YVONNE?

5

6 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU... [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

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8 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** ...MY COLLEAGUE AND THEN THANK YOU FOR
9 ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD RELATIVE TO THIS
10 ITEM. I THINK IT'S AN OVERALL CONSENSUS IN THE MAJORITY THAT
11 WE WANT THE CROSS ON THE SEAL. I MEAN, IT SEEMS, FIRST OF ALL,
12 FROM A CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, REALLY RIDICULOUS
13 THAT YOU WOULD SINGLE OUT THE CROSS AND THEN MAINTAIN PAGAN
14 SYMBOLS, POSSIBLY MASONIC SYMBOLS, WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED
15 OFFENSIVE TO OTHER CHRISTIANS. I THINK IT'S CLEARLY AN ATTACK
16 OF ANTI-CHRISTIANS, SATANISTS, TRILATERALISTS, ILLUMINATI, NEW
17 WORLD ORDER BECAUSE THEY FIND THE CROSS PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE
18 BECAUSE OF THE PROPHECY OR BECAUSE IT LIMITS THEIR, YOU KNOW,
19 THE EXPLOITS LIKE PEDOPHILIA, WHICH THE A.C.L.U. IS
20 PROTECTING, HOMOSEXUALITY, PAGAN, NEW AGE, WITCHCRAFT, OR
21 OTHER TYPES OF RITUALISTIC SACRIFICE, LIKE, MAYBE, YOU KNOW,
22 THE SKULL AND BONES OR OTHER VERY WEALTHY SECRET SOCIETIES
23 ENGAGE THEMSELVES IN. THAT CROSS MAINTAINS OR REPRESENTS A
24 CERTAIN STANDARD OF ETHICS AND MORALS, NOT JUST RELIGIOUSLY
25 BUT SPIRITUALLY, AND I THINK FOR THAT REASON THAT WE SHOULD



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1 MAINTAIN IT. IT REMINDS US THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AS
2 CHILDREN OF GOD, EVEN THOUGH ALL PEOPLE ARE NOT CHRISTIAN, AND
3 I THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS, FROM A CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL
4 PERSPECTIVE, TO REPLACE ONE ICON WHICH WE WANT WITH ANOTHER
5 ICON. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DAVID, THEN TED, AND I'D ASK
8 LORRAINE AND MARILYN MABBETT TO COME FORWARD, PLEASE, IF
9 THEY'RE OUT THERE NOW.

10

11 **DAVID HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID HERNANDEZ
12 AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. YOU KNOW, I WAS SITTING
13 BACK THERE, ONCE AGAIN, LOOKING AT WHAT WAS INSCRIBED UP THERE
14 ON THE WALL, AND I'M SURE, AS A YOUNG MAN IN JUNIOR HIGH
15 SCHOOL OR NOW MIDDLE SCHOOL, THAT POLITICAL SCIENCE CLASSES OR
16 HISTORY CLASSES, THAT THOSE ARE JUST WORDS IN A BOOK, AND THAT
17 MANY PEOPLE SITTING HERE LOOKING AT THOSE WORDS UP THERE MAY
18 DEEM THAT AS JUST MORE DECORATION HERE IN THIS BUILDING. BUT
19 THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE
20 PEOPLE SHOULD NOT PERISH FROM THIS EARTH, I THINK REALLY
21 ADDRESSES MY MOTIVATION FOR A, BEING HERE, BUT B, STARTING A
22 PETITION DRIVE APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS AGO, AND THAT WAS TO
23 INCLUDE THE PEOPLE WITHIN-- IN THE PROCESS, NOT SO MUCH THE
24 ISSUE, BUT THE PROCESS, THE ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE AS A VOTER,
25 TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD THE MATTER BE CHALLENGED IN COURT, AND



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1 THAT HAS BEEN MY MOTIVATION FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, IS TO
2 ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS. AND, WITHIN A
3 VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, WITHIN TWO DAYS, WE HAD 40,000
4 SIGNATURES WALK INTO MY SMALL OFFICE IN SAN FERNANDO. WE HAVE
5 ACCUMULATED ALMOST A HUNDRED THOUSAND SIGNATURES IN A WEEK.
6 THOSE ARE INDIVIDUALS, SOME OF WHOM WANT THAT CROSS REMOVED
7 FROM THAT SEAL, BUT RESPECT THE PROCESS. AND THEN I'M HERE
8 TODAY ASKING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF THE
9 COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS, TO VOTE TO REMOVE THE
10 CROSS IF THEY CHOOSE TO, BUT TO RESPECT THAT PROCESS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DAVID. TED, AND THEN
13 THE-- ARE THE MABBETTS HERE? OKAY.

14

15 **TED HAYES:** GOOD MORNING. TED HAYES. I'M HERE ALSO ON THE
16 LEADERSHIP-- ON LEADERSHIP OF DAVID HERNANDEZ, AND I WANT TO
17 THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND ANTONOVICH, PARTICULARLY, FOR
18 BRINGING THIS MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD AGAIN FOR YOU GUYS TO
19 RECONSIDER, AND AT LEAST VOTE TOWARDS PUTTING THIS MOTION ON
20 THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER AND ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF THE L.A. COUNTY
21 TO VOTE FOR THIS PROCESS. THIS IS REALLY IN YOUR INTEREST
22 BECAUSE I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT YOU QUITE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
23 DEALING WITH AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM, THE SITUATION
24 THAT YOU'RE CONFRONTED WITH. YOU WOULD BE WISE, ON YOUR
25 BEHALF. TO PUT THE VOTE BEFORE THE PEOPLE. THAT WAY, YOU DON'T



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1 HAVE A COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY IN YOUR OWN HEADS, BECAUSE
2 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF CONSEQUENCES FACING YOU. I MEAN,
3 YOU'LL HAVE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FACING YOU, YOU'LL HAVE
4 SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES FACING YOU, YOU'LL HAVE POLITICAL
5 CONSEQUENCES FACING YOU, PEOPLE VERY ANGRY BECAUSE YOU HAVE
6 NOT FOLLOWED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE AND
7 YOU'RE ALSO GOING TO BE FACED WITH DIVINE CONSEQUENCES. YOU
8 KNOW, IT SAYS IN PROVERBS THAT DO NOT REMOVE THE OLD LANDMARK,
9 AND THERE'S A LOT OF REASONS FOR NOT REMOVING OLD LANDMARKS:
10 TO KEEP OURSELVES FOCUSED. HOWEVER, IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT
11 THE LANDMARK, WHETHER IT'S A CROSS, OR A ROCK, IT HAPPENS TO
12 BE A CROSS AND YOU'RE MESSING WITH A DIVINE ENTITY. IF YOU'RE,
13 YOU KNOW, IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE ONE DIVINE ENTITY UP THERE
14 AND YOU REMOVE THAT ONE PARTICULAR DIVINE ENTITY REPRESENTING
15 THE CROSS, I THINK YOU'LL HAVE A LOT OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.
16 SO I THINK IT WOULD BE WISE, ON YOUR BEHALF, TO GO AHEAD AND
17 VOTE IN FAVOR OF LETTING THE PEOPLE VOTE FOR THIS THING IN
18 NOVEMBER AND YOU WON'T HAVE THE WORRY ON YOUR HEADS. SO THANK
19 YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH, MR. KNABE, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS
20 THING.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE LORRAINE AND MARILYN
23 MABBETT AND CAROL, IS IT MAURICE OR MOROS? CANDIO? OH, I'M
24 SORRY. COME ON UP. AND GENEVIEVE.

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1 **LORRAINE MABBETT:** I'M LORRAINE. I HAVE A QUESTION. ARE ANY
2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEMBERS OF THE A.C.L.U.?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULDN'T TELL YOU. I DON'T THINK SO.

5

6 **LORRAINE MABBETT:** MS. BURKE, ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE A.C.L.U.?

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, I'M NOT.

9

10 **LORRAINE MABBETT:** OKAY. HOW ABOUT MR. FORTNER, THE-- FORTNER,
11 IS HE A MEMBER OF THE A.C.L.U.?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, YOU CAN DIRECT THE QUESTION TO ME,
14 OKAY?

15

16 **LORRAINE MABBETT:** I'M ASKING, IS HE A MEMBER OF THE A.C.L.U.?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. IT'S NOT A QUESTION
19 WE ASK.

20

21 **LORRAINE MABBETT:** BUT IT IS A CONCERN FOR ME BECAUSE IT WOULD
22 BE A CONFLICT. I'M CONCERNED THAT, SINCE THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS HAVE BEEN ON THE WATCH, THERE'S BEEN IRRESPONSIBLE
24 SPENDING, THERE'S BEEN CRIME AND MURDER INCREASES, THERE HAVE
25 BEEN CLOSURES OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL SERVICES, THERE'S BEEN



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1 SCANDALS, AND THESE ARE VERY SERIOUS ISSUES. WINSTON CHURCHILL
2 SAID EVERYBODY IS IN FAVOR OF FREE SPEECH. HARDLY A DAY PASSES
3 WITHOUT IT BEING EXTOLLED, BUT SOME PEOPLE'S IDEA OF IT IS
4 THAT THEY ARE FREE TO SAY WHAT THEY LIKE, BUT IF ANYONE SAYS
5 ANYTHING BACK, THAT IS AN OUTRAGE. THE ISSUE OF FREE SPEECH IS
6 BEING REDEFINED BY ONE BAND OF LAWYERS, AND TO SPEAK AGAINST
7 THE A.C.L.U. IS AN OUTRAGE. THEY ARE COSTING THE COUNTY
8 MILLIONS AS A RESULT OF LITIGATION AND EXTORTION. YOU ARE
9 PRESENTED WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECTIFY THE FAUX PAS OF, ONCE
10 AGAIN, ACQUIESCING TO THE A.C.L.U. THIS TIME, IT IS OVER THE
11 ISSUE OF REMOVING THE CROSS FROM THE COUNTY SEAL. AS A
12 PETITION CIRCULATOR, I CAN ATTEST THAT THE RESPONSE FROM THE
13 PUBLIC AT A LARGE FOURTH OF JULY HEARING-- EVENT WAS ANGER,
14 THEY WERE ANGRY AT THE BOARD FOR WASTING TIME AND MONEY OVER
15 THIS. THEY WERE ANGRY AT THE A.C.L.U. FOR THEIR-- FOR THROWING
16 THEIR WEIGHT AROUND ONE TOO MANY TIMES AND THEY WERE ANGRY AT
17 THE BOARD FOR ATTEMPTING TO REWRITE HISTORY. YES, THE PASSION
18 FOR THE CROSS EXISTS BUT THE A.C.L.U. HAS PUBLICLY STATED
19 THEIR AGENDA TO REMOVE CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS FROM PUBLIC DISPLAYS,
20 INCLUDING CHANGING THE NAMES OF THE CITIES, EVEN IF IT TAKES
21 10 YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH. DON'T CONFUSE THE ISSUE. IT IS
22 REWRITING HISTORY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOUR TIME'S UP. WRAP IT UP.

25



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1 **LORRAINE MABBETT:** AND SUCCUMBING TO THE A.C.L.U. THE BOARD HAS
2 BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE ACCESS OF THE COUNTY AND ITS
3 RESIDENTS. THOSE ASSETS ARE BOTH TANGIBLE AND HISTORICAL. I
4 URGE THE BOARD TO REMEMBER WHAT CHURCHILL SAID: THE PRICE OF
5 GREATNESS IS RESPONSIBILITY. REMEMBER, YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE
6 TO THE A.C.L.U. BUT TO THE CONSTITUENTS OF LOS ANGELES.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

9

10 **LORRAINE MABBETT:** INDIVIDUALLY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GOD.
11 DON'T PUT THE A.C.L.U. ABOVE GOD AND AS THE AUTHOR OF YOUR
12 CONSCIENCE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PLEASE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CANDIDO, GENEVIEVE... [APPLAUSE CONTINUES
17]

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19 **CONDIDO MAREZ:** THANK YOU...

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THEN I WOULD ASK DONNA SCHWALM TO JOIN
22 US AS WELL.

23

24 **CONDIDO MAREZ:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS. THE
25 GREATEST PRESIDENT THAT WE'VE EVER HAD IN THIS COUNTRY,



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1 ABRAHAM LINCOLN, ONCE STATED THAT, OH, HOW HARD IT IS TO DIE
2 AND LEAVE ONE'S COUNTRY NO BETTER THAN IF ONE HAD NEVER LIVED
3 FOR IT. I ASK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO APPLY THAT TODAY
4 AND STATE THAT YOU WILL LIVE FOR THIS COUNTY, THAT YOU'LL MAKE
5 THIS COUNTY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. THAT CROSS HAS MADE THIS
6 COUNTY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS ALSO FAMOUS
7 FOR ONCE SAYING THAT THIS NATION UNDER GOD SHALL HAVE A NEW
8 BIRTH OF FREEDOM. I ASK YOU TO GIVE US BACK THAT FREEDOM TODAY
9 AND ALLOW US TO VOTE WHETHER TO KEEP THAT CROSS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, MA'AM. YOU ARE?

14

15 **MARILYN MABBETT:** MARILYN MABBETT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY, MARILYN. OKAY. GO AHEAD,
18 THEN, MARILYN, AND THEN GENEVIEVE AND THEN DONNA.

19

20 **MARILYN MABBETT:** BEFORE I START, I WANT TO ASK A QUESTION
21 THAT, IN THESE MEETINGS BEFORE, THREE TIMES AGO AND TODAY,
22 WHEN I LOOKED ON THE INTERNET TO SEE THE-- WHAT'S, YOU KNOW,
23 TRANSCRIBED, WHEN THERE'S SPANISH BEING, YOU KNOW, BY MOLINA
24 AND SOMEONE ELSE TALKING, ALL IT SAYS IS "SPEAKING SPANISH,"
25 IT'S NOT BEING TRANSCRIBED OR TRANSLATED. WHY?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW. WE'LL CHECK THAT OUT.

3

4 **MARILYN MABBETT:** YEAH. I THINK THAT'S, YOU KNOW... OKAY. THEY
5 ARE NOT PAYING ATTENTION, THE THREE THAT ARE VOTING AGAINST
6 THIS BUT, TO ANYBODY ELSE THAT'S LISTENING, I AM BEGGING YOU
7 FOR THE FOURTH TIME TO GET THIS ON THE BALLOT. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE, PLEASE.

10

11 **MARILYN MABBETT:** I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE YOUR LOGIC HAS BEEN THE
12 LAST THREE TIMES THIS HAS BEEN VOTED ON BUT THERE'S NOTHING
13 LIKE THE SITE OF AN AMPUTATED SPIRIT. THERE'S NO PROSTHETIC
14 FOR THAT AND DYING IN YOUR BED, MANY YEARS FROM NOW, WOULD YOU
15 BE WILLING TO TRADE ALL THE DAYS FROM THIS DAY TO THAT FOR
16 JUST ONE CHANCE TO COME BACK HERE AND TELL YOUR ENEMY, THE
17 A.C.L.U., THAT THE STALIN-TYPE TACTICS THEY ARE USING MAY END
18 UP TAKING OUR LIVES IN THE FUTURE BUT THEY'LL NEVER TAKE OUR
19 FREEDOM? AND, ON A LIGHTER NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU, MR.
20 KNABE, PERTAINING TO GLORIA, YVONNE AND ZEV, THE QUESTION
21 SINCE THE YEAR 2000, WHO LET THE DOGS OUT? [SCATTERED
22 APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GENEVIEVE, DONNA, AND THEN I ASK, IS
25 JULIO STILL HERE?



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2 **JULIO GIRON:** OF COURSE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. YOU'RE HERE. ALL RIGHT.
5 YOU'RE UP.

6

7 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM
8 GLAD TO SEE THAT ITEM COME BACK TO THE BOARD SINCE IT WAS
9 MOVED ILLEGALLY THE FIRST TIME, SO AT LEAST YOU BRING IT BACK
10 FOR A VOTE. ONLY THING I'M ASKING AT THIS TIME IS THAT YOU DO
11 THE RIGHT THING. JUST BRING IT TO THE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE
12 ELECTED YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING. AND, ON THE QUESTION OF THE
13 SEAL, YOU HAVE NOT DONE IT. SOME OF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN WILLING
14 TO DO IT, BECAUSE I GUESS YOU'RE COUNTING TOO MUCH VOTES OF
15 A.C.L.U. THE CITY OF AUSTIN WHO FOUGHT THE A.C.L.U. AND WIN
16 HAD A HUGE CROSS ON THEIR SEAL. OUR CROSS IS SO SMALL, YOU CAN
17 BARELY SEE IT. JUST LET THE PEOPLE VOTE. JUST LET THE PEOPLE
18 VOICE THEIR OPINIONS. THAT'S ALL WE ARE ASKING AT THIS STAGE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DONNA, JULIO, EVELYN BRADLEY.

21

22 **DONNA SCHWALM:** HOW DO YOU DO. MY NAME IS DONNA SCHWALM AND
23 THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I HOPE
24 I HAVE THE ATTENTION OF EVERYBODY HERE, BECAUSE IF I DON'T,
25 I'M NOT SURE WHY I'M HERE. SO IF THAT COULD BE FEASIBLE FOR



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1 ANOTHER MINUTE OR SO, I SURE WOULD APPRECIATE IT, AND IT
2 DOESN'T MATTER THAT PEOPLE ARE LISTENING. I MEAN-- WHAT IS
3 THIS ABOUT? I'M SORRY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO AHEAD?

6

7 **DONNA SCHWALM:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE KNOWING
8 THAT. REALLY. LIKE I SAID, IT IS MY FIRST TIME. SO I JUST
9 WANTED TO SAY THAT I HAVE-- GREW UP HERE IN THE SAN FERNANDO
10 VALLEY MOST OF MY LIFE AND I LIKE IT VERY MUCH HERE. I PLAN ON
11 STAYING HERE. AND THE REASON WHY I LIKE IT IS BECAUSE THERE'S
12 SUCH A COMFORT ZONE IN IT. THE COMFORT ZONE IS, GROWING UP, MY
13 MOTHER TAKING ME TO THE MISSION, GOING TO THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL
14 AND SEEING THE CROSS UP THERE, AND MANY, MANY OTHER THINGS OF
15 THAT NATURE. TAKING THAT AWAY TAKES AWAY MY COMFORT ZONE, A
16 BIG PART OF IT, SO I'M JUST ASKING YOU TO PLEASE PUT IT ON THE
17 BALLOT AND LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES. THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JULIO, AND EVELYN BRADLEY, AND
21 THEN I WOULD ASK E.T. SNELL AND BEN READ TO JOIN US AS WELL.
22 GO AHEAD, JULIO.

23

24 **JULIO GIRON:** JULIO GIRON, RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
25 ANGELES SINCE 1981. (SPEAKING SPANISH) WHAT A SHAME AND WHAT A



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1 DISGRACE. ONE OF THE BEST NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISORS OF THE
2 PRESENT TIME, DR. CONDOLEEZZA RICE, SAY THIS IN FRONT OF THE
3 9/11 COMMISSION. WHEN THEY SAY, "WE THE PEOPLE," THEY DIDN'T
4 INCLUDE ME. OF COURSE THEY DIDN'T. IT'S A DIFFERENT TIME. THE
5 A.C.L.U., MR. YAROSLAVSKY, DO NOT REPRESENT US. YOU DO. THIS
6 IS NOT A MATTER OF HISTORY AND RELIGION ONLY. IT'S A MATTER OF
7 MONEY! IT'S GOING TO COST MEGA MILLION DOLLARS TO REMOVE THAT
8 AND TO SATISFY MS. MOLINA... (SPEAKING SPANISH) ...THE LABOR
9 UNIONS OR WHOEVER IS GOING TO DO THIS BUSINESS. THE PRIORITIES
10 ARE REVERSED. RELIGION IS THIRD, HISTORY IS SECOND, AND MONEY
11 FIRST. WHO IS GOING TO PAY THAT? IS THE A.C.L.U.? VOTE "YES"
12 ON THIS AND LET US DECIDE! THE A.C.L.U. DO NOT REPRESENT THE
13 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY; YOU DO, MS. MOLINA.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EVELYN BRADLEY. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EVELYN?

18

19 **EVELYN BRADLEY:** MY NAME IS EVELYN BRADLEY AND I'M SITTING HERE
20 ADMIRING WHAT IT SAYS UP THERE, THAT "GOVERNMENT OF THE
21 PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM
22 THE EARTH", AND I'M THINKING IT DOESN'T SAY, "GOVERNMENT BY
23 THE A.C.L.U., FOR THE A.C.L.U., SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE
24 EARTH," IT SAYS, "BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE." I'M JUST
25 DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AND THANKFUL THAT OUR GOVERNMENT ALLOWS



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1 US TO SPEAK. I AM CHAIRPERSON FOR CALIFORNIANS FOR RELIGIOUS
2 FREEDOM.ORG, A NEW WEBSITE, AND I'M PROPOSING AN INITIATIVE TO
3 AMEND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION TO CLARIFY THESE
4 KINDS OF ISSUES THAT YOU ALL STRUGGLE WITH, BECAUSE WE HAVE
5 THIS CONSTANT THREAT FROM THE A.C.L.U., WHO SEEMED TO BE
6 AGAINST WHAT AMERICA STANDS FOR AND AGAINST OUR FREEDOMS. THEY
7 SEEM TO ONLY BE FOR INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY, AND SEXUAL FREEDOM
8 AND THEY SEEM TO BE FOR DESTROYING US. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WRAP UP YOUR TIME.

11

12 **EVELYN BRADLEY:** I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN TO YOU WHAT THE CALIFORNIA
13 PREAMBLE SAYS. IT SAYS, "WE THE PEOPLE, GRATEFUL TO ALMIGHTY
14 GOD." "GRATEFUL TO ALMIGHTY GOD." OUR FOREFATHERS SAID THAT IN
15 THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, SO WHEN WE OBEY THE CALIFORNIA
16 CONSTITUTION, WE HAVE A RIGHT TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOD. AND I'M
17 LOOKING AT THE SIZE OF THAT. MAYBE THAT CROSS IS 3/10THS OF
18 THE ENTIRE THING, MAYBE-- OR MAYBE IT'S ONLY 3/10THS OF 10% OF
19 THE ENTIRE THING, SO IT'S SO SMALL COMPARED TO POMONA, BEING
20 30%, AND IT'S JUST A SHAME THAT WE CAN'T HAVE SUCH A TINY
21 PERCENT. SO I PLEAD WITH YOU TO SAVE THE CROSS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. READ. [SCATTERED
24 APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THEN MR. SNELL, THEN I'D ASK ANTHONY
2 RODRIGUEZ TO JOIN US.

3

4 **BEN READ:** YES. MY NAME IS BEN REED AND I REPRESENT OUR
5 COMMUNITY IN WHITTIER. I ALSO WAS ASKED TO REPRESENT LOS
6 POBLADORES, I STRUGGLE WITH THAT WORD A LITTLE BIT, 200. THEY
7 ARE THE ORIGINAL SETTLERS OF LOS ANGELES, AND I WAS ASKED TO
8 STATE THAT, IF THE A.C.L.U. DOES SUE L.A., THAT THEY WILL
9 COUNTER-SUE AND SUE THE A.C.L.U. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SOME
10 ISSUES THAT MAKE OR BREAK POLITICIANS AND I THINK THIS IS ONE
11 OF THEM ISSUES. THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC TO
12 KEEP THE SEAL INTACT NEEDS TO BE LISTENED TO. WE MUST STOP
13 THIS NEEDLESS ASSAULT ON THE CROSS AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS,
14 AND I BELIEVE THAT IT'S GOING TO STOP IN L.A. YOU KNOW, L.A.
15 IS ALSO THE HOME OF THOUSANDS OF ACTIVISTS, AND I CAN ASSURE
16 THE BOARD THAT WE WILL GET EVERY PETITION WE NEED AND EXCEED
17 THAT NUMBER. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF YOU CAN WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

20

21 **BEN READ:** OKAY. BASICALLY, YOU KNOW, THAT WAS MOST OF MY
22 COMMENT. YOU KNOW, I WAS LOOKING AT THE SEAL TODAY, YOU KNOW,
23 I SEE THE FISH HAVE BEEN CONTAMINATED, THE COWS HAVE BEEN
24 MOVED, THE OIL WELLS, A LOT OF THEM ARE GONE, A FEW SHIPS ARE



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1 STILL IN THE HARBOR, EDUCATION IS DOWN, AND THAT DOESN'T LEAVE
2 MUCH UP THERE, AND I THINK WE SHOULD STICK WITH WHAT WE GOT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SNELL AND MR. RODRIGUEZ.

5

6 **E.T. SNELL:** WHEN THE HUGUENOTS CAME OVER TO ESCAPE RELIGIOUS
7 PROSECUTION, TO THIS COUNTRY, THEY FOUNDED THE CONSTITUTION OF
8 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. HOW DARE YOU TAKE THAT FROM US?
9 THAT'S OUR FOUNDATION. GOD GAVE ME THE STRENGTH, SUPERVISORS.
10 I USED TO COME TO YOUR MEETINGS IN A CLOWN COSTUME AND AIR IT
11 ON CABLE TV, WHEN NOBODY WOULD COVER THE L.A. TIMES MINING IN
12 OUR DRINKING WATER, POLLUTING THE WATER. I WENT TO CABLE AND I
13 THOUGHT A GOOD IDEA WAS TO COME HERE IN A CLOWN COSTUME. I
14 HAVE SEEN SOME REALLY STUPID THINGS IN MY LIFE BUT THIS HAS
15 GOT TO BE THE WORST. THIS HAS GOT TO BE THE THING TO PUT THE
16 ROPE AROUND YOUR NECK. CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, RAPED, BEATEN
17 AND TORTURED. NOT EVEN THE CHILDREN HAVE A VOICE IN THIS
18 COUNTY. WHEN I WAS INCARCERATED, I WROTE THE A.C.L.U., I SAID,
19 OH, MY GOD, I'VE BEEN IMPRISONED TWICE ON PHONY CHARGES.
20 THEY'VE GOT TO GIVE ME A POLYGRAPH. THEY'VE GOT TO COME INTO
21 EFFECT. MAYBE IF-- NOT EVEN A LETTER FROM THEM. MAYBE IF I WAS
22 PRESIDENT OF THE GAY NAZI BIKERS FOR CHRIST, THEY MIGHT HAVE
23 ATTENDED. COUNTY SUPERVISORS, IT IS TIME FOR MOLINA, BURKE,
24 AND YAROSLAVSKY TO GO! IT IS TIME FOR THE RECALL! LET THE



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1 RECALL BEGIN! AND I PRESENT TO YOU VOTERS, THE CITIZENS OF THE
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THIS IS-- YOU'RE NOT ADDRESSING
5 THE ISSUE, E.T. THANK YOU.

6

7 **E.T. SNELL:** I PRESENT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES VOTERS A
8 RECALL PETITION, WOULD LIKE ANYBODY HERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
9 START IT AND GET RID OF THE THREE STOOGES, MOLINA, YAROSLAVSKY
10 AND BURKE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. RODRIGUEZ, IF YOU'D LIKE TO PROCEED,
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ AND
16 I'M AN ANGELINO. I WAS BORN AND RAISED-- BORN IN SAN FERNANDO
17 AND RAISED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I LIVED IN OTHER PARTS
18 OF THE UNITED STATES AND I LOVE IT HERE. AND WE STARTED THIS
19 WITH MR. HERNANDEZ. I WAS WITH HIM THE DAY HE FILED THE
20 PETITION. AFTER THAT, I STARTED MAKING PHONE CALLS TO
21 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, ANYBODY THAT WOULD LISTEN TO ME, AND
22 ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT I CALLED WAS JULIE ASHER FROM THE
23 CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE, THE CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN
24 WASHINGTON, D.C., AND SHE ASKED ME WHY I CALLED HER, BECAUSE
25 IT WAS-- SHE WAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I SAID, "WELL, THERE'S A



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1 LITTLE TOWN IN NEW MEXICO CALLED LOS CRUSAS. AND I WAS BORN IN
2 SAN FERNANDO, I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES AND MY STATE CAPITAL IS
3 CALLED SACRAMENTO AND MY NAME IS ANTHONY JOSEPH." YOU KNOW,
4 I'M STEEPED IN CATHOLICISM AND I'M NOT EVEN CATHOLIC. AND I--
5 AND I EXPLAINED TO HER THAT I CALLED HER BECAUSE SHE WAS ON
6 THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL. YOU CAN START WITH THIS LITTLE TINY
7 CROSS ON OUR SEAL, AND WHO KNOWS WHERE IT WILL END OR WHERE IT
8 WON'T END. THEY'LL CLOSE THE DOORS OF OUR CHURCHES, THEY'LL
9 TELL ME THAT I CAN'T WEAR A CROSS AROUND MY NECK. BUT, MORE
10 THAN ANYTHING, I'M AN ANGELINO AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME. MY
11 LIFE-- MY SPAN OF MY LIFETIME HAS BEEN-- THE CROSS BEING ON
12 THAT SYMBOL 50 YEARS. I'M 43 YEARS OLD. AND I JUST WANT TO
13 SAY-- AND END WITH THIS, THAT GRAY DAVIS IS NO LONGER HERE,
14 AND THE SAME CAN HAPPEN WITH OTHERS IN POLITICS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US, MR. ANTONOVICH.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO JUST, FOR THE
21 RECORD, SO THAT WE DO NOT LEAVE IT JUST HANGING HERE, MR.
22 FORTNER, I WANT TO GO BACK. THIS IS A REPRISE OF WHAT WE HAD
23 SINCE THE LAST TIME WE VOTED ON THIS AND, SINCE WE'RE
24 REPRISING THE FIRST PART, WE'RE GOING TO REPRISE THE SECOND
25 PART. YOUR ADVICE TO THE BOARD IN YOUR LETTER LAST MONTH WAS



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1 THAT, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, BECAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CASES
2 THAT HAVE COME DOWN IN THE FEDERAL COURTS, THAT WE WOULD LOSE.
3 IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, WE WOULD LOSE IF WE DEFENDED THE EXISTING
4 SEAL. IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **RAY FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I BELIEVE
7 THAT THE MEMORANDUM INDICATED THAT, IN MY OPINION, IT WAS MOST
8 LIKELY THE A.C.L.U.'S POSITION WOULD PREVAIL IN COURT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOST LIKELY. ALL RIGHT. AND THAT WAS BASED
11 ON CASES THAT HAVE BEEN HEARD IN CALIFORNIA AS WELL AS OTHER
12 PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES, IS THAT CORRECT?

13

14 **RAY FORTNER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY,
17 THERE'S ONLY ONE CASE, OF ALL CASES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND
18 THAT'S THE AUSTIN, TEXAS, CASE, WITH THAT EXCEPTION, EVERY
19 OTHER CASE WHERE THERE WAS A RELIGIOUS SYMBOL AT THE EXCLUSION
20 OF OTHER RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS ON A GOVERNMENT SEAL, THAT THAT
21 GOVERNMENT SEAL WAS STRUCK DOWN. IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23 **RAY FORTNER:** THAT IS CORRECT. THE CASES SPECIFICALLY INVOLVED
24 A CROSS ON A GOVERNMENT SEAL.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** A CROSS. OKAY. ON A GOVERNMENT SEAL. WITH
2 THE EXCEPTION OF ONE IN AUSTIN, THEY WERE ALL STRUCK DOWN. AND
3 SOME OF THEM WERE STRUCK DOWN BY LIBERAL COURTS AND SOME BY
4 CONSERVATIVE JUDGES AND COURTS. IS THAT CORRECT? MAYBE THAT'S
5 NOT A FAIR QUESTION TO ASK YOU BUT...

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7 **RAY FORTNER:** I DON'T BELIEVE I'M PREPARED TO ANSWER THE
8 QUESTION.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO CHARACTERIZE THEM. MY UNDERSTANDING...

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12 **RAY FORTNER:** I DON'T KNOW.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...YOU GOT TO APPEAR BEFORE...

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16 **RAY FORTNER:** ...<INAUDIBLE> WHOM THEY WERE APPOINTED BY...

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SAY THAT. WE HAD A CASE JUST LAST MONTH
19 IN THE MOJAVE DESERT, THE NORTON CASE, WHERE JUDGE KACZYNSKI,
20 A RONALD REAGAN APPOINTEE, WROTE THE OPINION FOR A THREE-JUDGE
21 PANEL ON THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT THAT STRUCK DOWN THE
22 PLACEMENT OF A CROSS ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY...

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FINDING SOMEONE CONSERVATIVE IN THE NINTH
25 CIRCUIT IS PRETTY HARD WORK.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUDGE KACZYNSKI IS CERTAINLY NOT A TYPICAL
3 NINTH CIRCUIT JUDGE, MR. KNABE.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S A LIBERTARIAN.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS LIBERTARIANS ARE NO GOOD, EITHER? I
8 MEAN, WHO IS GOOD?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WAS NOT THE POINT. THE POINT WAS, HE IS
11 NOT A CONSERVATIVE, HE'S A LIBERTARIAN.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. LIBERTARIANS DON'T GO TO HEAVEN?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO SAID THAT? YOUR POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY IS
16 ON A DIFFERENT...

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEVER MIND. LET ME GET TO THE-- THE LAST
19 QUESTION I WANT TO ASK YOU IS, IF THIS WERE TO GO ON THE
20 BALLOT AND IT WERE TO BE APPROVED BY A HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE
21 PEOPLE WHO VOTED, WOULD THAT CHANGE THE COUNTY'S POSITION IN
22 TERMS OF ITS BEING ABLE TO DEFEND THE EXISTING SEAL OR WOULD
23 WE STILL BE AS VULNERABLE AT THE END OF THAT ELECTION PROCESS
24 AS WE ARE AT PRESENT?

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1 **RAY FORTNER:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE ELECTION PROCESS WOULD
2 AFFECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARGUMENTS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE COULD GO INTO AN ELECTION, HAVE THE
5 ELECTION, EVERY PERSON IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO VOTED COULD
6 VOTE TO KEEP THE SEAL AS IT IS, AND IF-- AND THEN WE COULD BE
7 SUED AND, IF WE WERE SUED, THE PROBABILITY OF OUR SUCCESS OR
8 FAILURE IS EXACTLY THE SAME AFTER THE ELECTION AS IT IS TODAY,
9 WHATEVER THAT PROBABILITY IS?

10

11 **RAY FORTNER:** I CAN'T ANSWER FOR AN INDIVIDUAL JUDGE, BUT THE
12 LEGAL ARGUMENTS WOULD REMAIN THE SAME, AND MY LEGAL OPINION AS
13 TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARGUMENT WOULD REMAIN THE SAME.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, AND MR.-- EXCUSE ME, MR. ANTONOVICH,
20 MR. FORTNER, PLEASE, PLEASE. HOW DO-- YOU KNOW, THE ONE THING--
21 - I WAS VERY ACCUSATORY AND YOUR OPINIONS STILL REMAIN THAT
22 WAY BUT HOW DO THE FACTS LINE UP WITH THE AUSTIN CASE AS
23 COMPARED TO OURS? THAT WAS NOT ANALYZED IN YOUR OPINION. YOU
24 KNOW, HAS ANYONE LOOKED AT THAT, HOW THE FACTS LINE UP IN THE



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1 AUSTIN CASE VERSUS US, VERSUS BEING THE LARGEST COUNTY, BEING
2 ONE OF 13 SYMBOLS, VERSUS A PREDOMINANT SYMBOL LIKE IN AUSTIN?

3

4 **RAY FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I DON'T HAVE
5 THE MEMORANDUM HERE IN FRONT OF ME. I BELIEVE I ATTEMPTED TO
6 ADDRESS THAT QUESTION AND POINT OUT THE DIFFERENCES AND
7 SIMILARITIES IN THE CASES, AND THE CASES DO REPRESENT A BROAD
8 RANGE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF SEALS AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF
9 CROSSES, BUT WE BELIEVED WE ADDRESSED THAT ISSUE AND WE'RE
10 VERY AWARE OF A VERY STRONG DISSENTING OPINION IN THE AUSTIN
11 DECISION, IT WAS A 2-TO-1 DECISION. THE DISSENTING JUDGES
12 CITED MOST OF THE OTHER-- SEVERAL OF THE OTHER CASES THAT WE
13 WERE AWARE OF AT THE TIME, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE
14 REASONING OF THE AUSTIN CASE WOULD ASSIST US HERE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT, IN THREE OF THE
19 LEGAL OPINIONS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED, ONE FROM THE CHAIR OF
20 THE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEPARTMENT AT PEPPERDINE SCHOOL OF LAW,
21 DR. DOUGLAS KEMMICK, HE STATED, QUOTE, "I HAVE READ THE LEGAL
22 OPINION BY MR. FORTNER. IT IS A MEMORANDUM THAT RESOLVES MOST
23 EVERY ARGUABLE POINT AGAINST THE COUNTY AND IN FAVOR OF THE
24 A.C.L.U. IT OVERLOOKS A SEMINAL RELIGIOUS DISPLAY CASES AT THE
25 U.S. SUPREME COURT LEVEL THAT WOULD FAVOR THE COUNTY AND GIVE



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1 UNDUE WEIGHT TO ADVERSE LOWER COURT JUDGMENTS OUT OF THEIR
2 PARTICULAR CONTEXT WHICH, IN THIS AREA, DETERMINES THE LEGAL
3 OUTCOME. AS THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN BURGER HAD WRITTEN
4 FOR THE COURT IN LYNCH VERSES DONALLY, CONSIDERING AND
5 APPROVING OF THE DISPLAY OF A CHRISTIAN CRECHE, AND I'LL
6 QUOTE, 'THE COURT HAS MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT
7 NOT EVERY LAW THAT CONFERS AN INDIRECT, REMOTE OR INCIDENTAL
8 BENEFIT UPON RELIGION IS, FOR THAT REASON ALONE,
9 CONSTITUTIONALLY INVALID.''' THAT WAS FROM JUSTICE BERGER.
10 FURTHER, IN THE CASE OF CONNIE OF ALHANEY, HE STATES THAT, "I
11 BELIEVE WHAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAS DONE IS SUBSTITUTE THE
12 CONCLUSION THAT THE COUNTY WOULD LIKELY BE SUED FOR THE MORE
13 RECENT CONCLUSION THAT NEITHER THE TEXT NOR EXISTING U.S.
14 SUPREME COURT INTERPRETATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT NOR
15 CALIFORNIA, SIMILARLY, CONSTRUED NO PREFERENCE CLAUSE REQUIRES
16 THE REMOVAL OF A SINGLE RELIGIOUS SYMBOL WHEN IT HAS OBVIOUS
17 HISTORICAL IMPORT AND IS SITUATED AMONG A MYRIAD OF SECULAR
18 SYMBOLS THAT HAVE BEEN INCLUDED FOR LIKE HISTORICAL PURPOSE.
19 WHAT THE COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY HAS DONE IS TO PERMIT
20 HOSTILITY TO RELIGION RATHER THAN FREEDOM OF RELIGION TO
21 PREVAIL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED
22 AND, WITH DUE RESPECT, IT IS SERIOUSLY MISTAKEN. IT IS ALSO
23 DEEPLY OFFENSIVE TO THOSE OF US WHO WOULD PREFER TO LIVE IN A
24 COUNTY THAT CAN HONESTLY TELL THE TRUTH OF ITS ORIGINS RATHER
25 THAN DISGUISE IT BEHIND OTHER QUASI-RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS AS



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1 CONSIDERABLE AND UNNECESSARY EXPENSE WHEN PUBLIC DOLLARS ARE
2 SCARCE." AND IN THE ALLIANCE FROM DEFENSE COUNSEL, SENIOR
3 COUNSEL GARY MCLABE HAD STATED, "WE'VE REVIEWED THE LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY SEAL AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE SEAL IS
5 CERTAINLY DEFENSIBLE UNDER CURRENT LEGAL PRECEDENT. ALTHOUGH
6 THERE ARE A FEW CASES IN VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE
7 CONCLUDED THAT A CROSS IN A CITY SEAL VIOLATES THE
8 ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS IN THOSE CASES
9 ARE CLEARLY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE FACTS AND CONTEXT
10 SURROUNDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SEAL. THE SUPREME COURT HAS
11 NEVER RULED THAT CITY SEALS OR DISPLAYS MUST BE SANITIZED OF
12 ALL RELIGIOUS SYMBOLISM. TO DO SO WOULD IGNORE THE IMPORTANT
13 AND UNIQUE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RELIGION TO AMERICAN CULTURE AND
14 SOCIETY." AND, FROM THE AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE,
15 THEIR SENIOR ATTORNEY, IN A SEVEN-PAGE RESPONSE, J. SECULA,
16 CHIEF COUNSEL, STATES THAT, "THE A.C.L.U.'S CONCLUSION," JUST
17 READING ONE QUOTE, "THAT THE L.A. COUNTY SEAL CONSTITUTES
18 ENDORSEMENT OF CHRISTIANITY IS AT ODDS WITH THE HISTORY AND
19 PURPOSE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE AS WELL AS CURRENT
20 ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE JURISPRUDENCE. HISTORY IS REplete WITH
21 EXAMPLES OF OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE ROLE OF
22 RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE. OUR RELIGIOUS HERITAGE IS
23 MANIFESTED IN MANY WAYS THAT OPENLY REFLECT GOVERNMENT
24 SPONSORSHIP AND YET DO NOT CREATE AN ESTABLISHMENT PROBLEM.
25 THE EMPLOYMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL CHAPLAINS TO OFFER DAILY



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1 PRAYERS IN THE CONGRESS IS A PRACTICE THAT HAS SPANNED TWO
2 CENTURIES. THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL HOLIDAYS,
3 WHICH UNDENIABLE RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE, SUCH AS CHRISTMAS AND
4 THANKSGIVING. "IN GOD WE TRUST" IS STATUTORILY PRESCRIBED AS
5 OUR NATIONAL MOTTO TO BE INSCRIBED ON OUR CURRENCY. THE
6 LANGUAGE, "ONE NATION UNDER GOD," IS INCLUDED AS PART OF THE
7 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG. IT IS THE CURRENT
8 PRACTICE IN EVERY FEDERAL COURT TO OPEN PROCEEDINGS WITH AN
9 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CONCLUDES, "GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES AND
10 THIS HONORABLE COURT." PORTRAYAL OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
11 DECORATE THE COURTROOM OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT
12 DIRECTLY ABOVE THE BENCH WHERE THE JUSTICES ARE SEATED, AND AS
13 JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS OBSERVED, IT IS ONLY THROUGH THAT
14 ACCOMMODATION THAT GOVERNMENT CAN FOLLOW THE BEST OF OUR
15 TRADITIONS AND RESPECT THE RELIGIOUS NATURE OF OUR PEOPLE,"
16 AND THAT WAS HIS DECISION IN THE ZURICH VERSUS KLAUSEN CASE.
17 THE PROBLEM IS, THE SEVEN-PAGE OPINION WE RECEIVED FROM COUNTY
18 COUNSEL HAD TWO SMALL PARAGRAPHS OF ABOUT 14 SENTENCES THAT
19 TRIED TO DEFEND THE COUNTY'S SEAL AS BEING CONSTITUTIONAL AND
20 THEN 6-1/2 PAGES OF A BRIEF THAT APPEARED TO BE WRITTEN BY THE
21 A.C.L.U. IT WAS POLITICALLY INSPIRED, IT WAS NOT LEGALLY FAIR
22 IN ITS ASSESSMENT, AND HAVING A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE WOULD BE
23 FAIR. THIS IS AN ADVISORY VOTE, AND THE-- AGAIN, THERE'S BEEN
24 NO SUPREME-- U.S. SUPREME COURT DISCUSSION THAT HAS RULED
25 AGAINST SUCH SYMBOLS. IN FACT, I FOUND IT INTERESTING, THE



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1 A.C.L.U., IN NEW MEXICO, SAID THEY WOULD NEVER CONSIDER
2 CHALLENGING THE TWO CROSSES IN THEIR SEAL BECAUSE IT'S
3 INCIDENTAL. [APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. ROLL CALL,
6 PLEASE.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST-- I HAVE TO SAY THAT, IN TERMS OF THE
13 ADVICE WE'VE BEEN GIVEN IN THE CASES THAT HAVE BEEN RENDERED,
14 IT'S NOT A MATTER OF RELIGION, GENERIC RELIGION, IT'S A MATTER
15 OF PREFERENCE OF ONE RELIGION OVER ANOTHER. THAT IS THE CASE
16 IN THE CALIFORNIA CASES, AS IT'S BEEN ADJUDICATED IN THE
17 CALIFORNIA-- IN THE CALIFORNIA COURTS, AND THERE HAVE BEEN
18 CASES THAT HAVE GONE ALL THE WAY UP TO THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME
19 COURT, THE CROSS ON CITY HALL WAS ONE BACK IN THE EARLY '70S.
20 THAT WAS STRUCK DOWN. AND NOBODY ARGUES WITH ANYTHING THAT
21 THOSE OPINIONS THAT YOU JUST READ FROM, FROM THE RELIGIOUS
22 LEGAL FIRMS OR LEGAL AGENCIES...

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PEPPERDINE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WE'LL TALK ABOUT PEPPERDINE SOME OTHER
2 TIME. NOT EVERYBODY AT PEPPERDINE AGREES WITH THAT PARTICULAR
3 OPINION. [INTERJECTIONS]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE!

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW YOU HAVE RIGHT ON YOUR
8 SIDE BUT, YOU KNOW, AT LEAST LET ME SAY MY PIECE, AS WRONG AS
9 I AM, I HAVE A RIGHT TO SPEAK, TOO. THE ISSUE IS-- THE ISSUE
10 FOR THE COURTS HAS BEEN THE PREFERENCE OF-- THE APPEARANCE OF
11 PREFERENCE, THE IMPLIED ENDORSEMENT OF ONE RELIGION AT THE
12 EXCLUSION OF OTHERS. THAT IS THE COMMON THEME, AND THAT IS THE
13 ISSUE THAT IS BEFORE US. ACTUALLY, IT WAS VERY INTERESTING
14 THAT SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR, IN HER OPINION RELATING TO "ONE
15 NATION UNDER GOD" IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ARGUED, IN HER
16 OPINION OR IN HER-- I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS THE DISSENT OR WHAT
17 YOU CALL IT BUT, IN HER OPINION, THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE AN
18 OBJECTION TO "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" SO LONG AS-- BECAUSE IT
19 WAS GENERIC, AND SHE WENT ON TO SAY, AND I QUOTE, "IT'S NOT AS
20 THOUGH WE WERE SAYING 'ONE NATION UNDER JESUS' OR 'ONE NATION
21 UNDER VISHNU'". THAT, SHE IMPLIED, WOULD BE DIFFERENT. AND
22 THAT IS PRECISELY THE ISSUE IS WHEN YOU ONE SYMBOL AT THE
23 EXCLUSION OF OTHERS, ONE PREDOMINANT SYMBOL AT THE EXCLUSION
24 OF OTHERS, AND THAT IS WHY WE HAVE THIS ADVICE, THAT IS WHY
25 EVERY COURT IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AUSTIN, AND



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1 AUSTIN, I WILL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, BECAUSE I NOW HAVE YOUR
2 MEMO RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME, MR. FORTNER, THE REASON THAT THE
3 MAJORITY IN THAT COURT IN AUSTIN RULED IS BECAUSE THE SEAL OF
4 THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, IS THE COAT OF ARMS OF STEVEN
5 AUSTIN. IT IS AN EXACT REPLICA OF HIS COAT OF ARMS. WHETHER
6 THEY WERE RIGHT OR WRONG, THAT'S THE BASIS UPON WHICH THEY
7 MADE THEIR RULING, AND THAT'S-- AND THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS ABIDE
8 BY IT. SO WE CAN GO ON AND ON ABOUT THIS BUT, YOU KNOW, CITY
9 AND COUNTY AND GOVERNMENT SEALS SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE, INCLUSIVE
10 SYMBOLS. THEY SHOULDN'T BE EXCLUSIONARY. THEY SHOULD EMPHASIZE
11 WHAT WE ALL HAVE IN COMMON, NOT WHAT SEPARATES US OR
12 DIFFERENTIATES US. AND THERE ARE WAYS TO RESPECT AND SEE
13 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IS GOING TO BE PRESENTING... [
14 INTERJECTIONS]

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...A NEW SEAL, I SUPPOSE, IN ABOUT A MONTH
17 OR WHENEVER YOU'RE GOING TO BE READY WITH THE NEW SEAL WHICH
18 WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE WITHOUT
19 RUNNING AFOUL OF THE CONSTITUTION. BUT, AS I'VE SAID TO SOME
20 OF THE FOLKS WHO HAVE CALLED AND WRITTEN TO ME, IS YOUR
21 RELIGION IS YOUR BUSINESS, AND MY RELIGION IS MY BUSINESS. IT
22 IS NOT THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNMENT TO MAKE MY RELIGION YOUR
23 BUSINESS OR VICE VERSA. AND I THINK THERE'S A WAY TO DO IT
24 GENERICALLY AND NOT RUN AFOUL OF THE COURTS, AND I HOPE WE'LL
25 HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY IN ABOUT A MONTH OR SO.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE'S ONE POINT. TO SHOW YOU

3 THE HYPOCRISY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, THEY SAID

4 THAT THE ROSARY FOR THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS

5 PERMISSIBLE. IN THE AUSTIN CASE, IT WAS AS A RESULT OF BEING A

6 HISTORICAL DOCUMENT, AND THE CROSS IN THIS ISSUE IS ONE OF

7 HISTORICAL NATURE AS FAR AS THE MISSION'S HERITAGE IN THE

8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION, SPECIFICALLY LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

9 WHAT I THOUGHT WAS INTERESTING, AND THERE WAS, IN THE DAILY

10 NEWS, THEY SAID, WELL, WHAT ABOUT-- I THINK THEY ASKED

11 SOMEBODY FROM THE A.C.L.U., WHATEVER, ABOUT CHANGING NAMES OF

12 COMMUNITIES. LOS ANGELES, NAMED AFTER THE MOTHER OF CHRIST,

13 ANGELS; SACRAMENTO, NAMED AFTER THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH;

14 SAN GABRIEL, SAN FERNANDO, RIGHT DOWN THE LINE, AND THEY SAID,

15 "WELL, MAYBE THAT'S 10 YEARS OR WHATEVER." IT'S A DIFFERENCE

16 BETWEEN TRYING TO REWRITE A HISTORICAL FACT FOR A SECULAR

17 ORGANIZATION THAT DOESN'T-- IT'S A REWRITING OF HISTORY VERSUS

18 A RECOGNITION OF HISTORY. THAT'S WHY MANY OF VARIOUS RELIGIOUS

19 NON-CHRISTIAN GROUPS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THIS ISSUE. AND A

20 BAR MITZVAH THAT I ATTENDED ON SATURDAY, A GENTLEMAN COMES UP,

21 THEY WANT PETITIONS FOR THE CROSS OF A HISTORICAL NATURE. AT A

22 SHUHL I ATTENDED ON SUNDAY, AGAIN, I HAD REQUEST FOR PETITIONS

23 TO CIRCULATE, AND OTHERS IN THE BUDDHIST COMMUNITY AS WELL. SO

24 THIS CROSS, THIS RELIGIOUS LINE, IS ONE OF HISTORICAL

25 RECOGNITION, WHICH THE COURT HAS RULED. AND, AGAIN, WE HAVE



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1 FREE LEGAL ADVICE TO BE OFFERED IF THE COUNTY WOULD BE SUED BY
2 IMMINENT LAW FIRMS. BUT, AGAIN, IT'S AN ISSUE THAT WILL GO ON
3 THE BALLOT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER BUT IT WOULD SEEM TO ME TO
4 REFLECT THE HISTORICAL NATURE OF THE COUNTY AND NOT ATTEMPT TO
5 REWRITE HISTORY WOULD BE THE PROPER WAY BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN
6 WHAT HAPPENED IN THE LAST CENTURY WHEN WE HAD GROUPS TRY TO
7 REWRITE HISTORY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I JUST-- I THINK... [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...IF YOU SEPARATE THE ISSUES THERE, THE--
12 AGAIN, THE AUSTIN CASE WAS HISTORICAL, AND ALSO I THINK, YOU
13 KNOW, THE FACT IS, AND MANY CROSSES-- IF YOU LOOK AT THE
14 CASES, THEY WERE PREDOMINANT SYMBOLS, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT
15 PORTION OF IT. THIS IS NOT A PREDOMINANT SYMBOL. THIS IS A
16 PART OF THE CULTURE AND THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND
17 JUST TO THROW IT AWAY, TO ROLL OVER, AND SAY, "WELL, BECAUSE
18 WE INTERPRET THE LAW ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, THAT WE NEED TO
19 BEND OVER FOR THE A.C.L.U." I THINK IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. [
20 APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE. I JUST-- WE HAVE IT BEFORE US. [
23 INTERJECTIONS]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME? YES, IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. AND THEN A ROLL CALL,
3 PLEASE.

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5 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M ABSTAINING ON THIS ITEM.

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9 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** NO.

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13 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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17 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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21 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AYE.

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25 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** FAILS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOTION FAILS. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN I DO MY ADJOURNMENTS?

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU ALSO HELD AN ITEM. YOU GOT
7 YOUR ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS HER ADJOURNMENTS. YOU
8 GO AHEAD.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FIRE
11 CAPTAIN DANIEL ELKINS. I ATTENDED WITH DAVID JANSSEN YESTERDAY
12 HIS FUNERAL. HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH AND IN THE FIRE
13 DEPARTMENT AND IN BEING A ROLE MODEL TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND
14 IT WAS STATED HE WAS A MEMBER OF FIRE STATION 117 AND WAS A
15 20-YEAR VETERAN. HELEN GULBRANSON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY
16 13TH. HELEN AND HER HUSBAND, RICHARD, FOUNDED THE NORTH
17 HOLLYWOOD GLASS AND PAINT COMPANY, AND SHE WAS ALSO A FORMER
18 MEMBER OF OUR GRAND JURY. SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE QUITE
19 INVOLVED IN MY EARLY CAMPAIGNS. HER HOME, WHICH WAS A
20 NEIGHBOR, GOOD FRIEND-- BOB HOPE, HAD MANY VARIOUS FUNDRAISING
21 GROUPS FOR-- GROUPS RANGING FROM RONALD REAGAN ON DOWN TO
22 GEORGE IMETIAN. WONDERFUL LADY. QUITE ACTIVE IN FUNDING--
23 RAISING FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN COLLEGE IN VENTURA
24 COUNTY AND A FINE LADY. VIOLA HILL PASSED AWAY AT 93 FROM
25 ANTELOPE VALLEY. QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, KIND OF LIKE



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1 A PEN PAL, AND A WONDERFUL LADY WHO LIVED A FULL LIFE AND KEPT
2 DEVOTED TO HER COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE OUR WORLD. DR. OLGIERD
3 KLEJNOT, PROMINENT POLISH AMERICAN SCIENTIST, WONDERFUL
4 SCIENTIST AND ALSO A LEADER OF THE CALIFORNIA LEADERSHIP
5 COUNCIL WHERE HE WAS AN OFFICER. FOR OVER TWO DECADES, HE
6 WORKED WITH OVER A DOZEN ETHNIC GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY
7 DEALING WITH THE ISSUES OF THE EXPANSION OF N.A.T.O., THE COLD
8 WAR, AND WAS INVOLVED QUITE-- WITH THE PRESIDENT'S ELECTION
9 AND PRESIDENT REAGAN GOING ALL THE WAY BACK. HE WAS A SURVIVOR
10 OF THE TYRANNY OF EASTERN EUROPE AND APPRECIATED HIS FREEDOM
11 AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS. AS WAS MENTIONED, BELLA LEWITZKY WHO
12 PASSED AWAY. ALSO LIKE TO MOVE IN HER ADJOURNMENT. BELLA
13 WORKED WITH ME ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL
14 FOR THE ARTS. THAT IS ONE OF THE PREEMINENT ARTS HIGH SCHOOL
15 IN THE NATION WHICH SCORES IN THE TOP 10 PERCENTILE IN
16 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND SHE, ALONG WITH AL DORSKIN FROM
17 UNIVERSAL AND CAROLINE AHMANSON, AND PAULI BLANNING FROM MY
18 STAFF, ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHERS WHO DEVOTED THEIR TIME
19 AND ENERGIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONCEPT THAT TURNED INTO
20 BE A REAL JEWEL PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
21 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. SAM
22 MCKIM, ARTIST FOR WALT DISNEY WHO HELPED DESIGN FRONTIER LAND
23 AND MAIN STREET FOR DISNEYLAND, WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND
24 RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED CROSS AND BRONZE STAR. HE
25 PASSED AWAY. PASTOR K. C. ROBINSON, SR., MISSIONARY BAPTIST



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1 CHURCH IN PASADENA, AND I JUST ATTENDED THAT CHURCH A COUPLE
2 WEEKS AGO AND INVITED HIM TO BE ONE OF OUR PASTORS TO LEAD US
3 IN PRAYER, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 61, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY
4 HIS WIFE AND HIS FIVE CHILDREN. AULDEN SCHLATTER, WHO WAS A
5 FORMER EXECUTIVE C.E.O. FOR THE GLENDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
6 AND WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GLENDALE
7 GALLERIA, INVOLVED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF THE BURBANK
8 AIRPORT, AND HIS WIFE, WHO ALSO PASSED AWAY JUST RECENTLY, IS
9 THE VOICE AND THE HEAD OF THE HAUNTED MANSION AT DISNEYLAND
10 AND THE CRYSTAL BALL THAT'S SCREAMING AND LAUGHING AS YOU GO
11 THROUGH. THAT WAS HIS WIFE, WHO IS A FAMOUS VOICE-OVER
12 ACTRESS. ALVIN SMITH, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LA CRESCENTA. HE
13 WAS FELLOW OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND WAS-
14 - RECEIVED MANY PATENTS FOR ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS AND ALSO WAS A
15 PERFORMING CLASSICAL PIANIST. LEROY EIDE, 31-YEAR VETERAN OF
16 THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, RETIRED, WAS ALSO A MEMBER
17 OF THE MASONIC LODGE AND THE POLICE AND FIRE ASSOCIATES. ELMA
18 CORNING, WORKED FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AT ONE TIME. SHE
19 PASSED AWAY, AS WAS MENTIONED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AT
20 112. SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN CURRENT EVENTS, MUSIC, AND WAS
21 DRIVING HER CAR UNTIL SHE WAS 97 YEARS OLD AND FLYING EVERY
22 WEEK TO SAN FRANCISCO TO VISIT HER HUSBAND AND CARRYING HER
23 OWN LUGGAGE UNTIL, I THINK THEY SAID SHE WAS ABOUT 102, SO A
24 REAL ROLE MODEL. BARBARA JEAN DEBERNARDO FROM THE SAN DIMAS
25 AREA, WHERE SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY,



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1 THE SAN DIMAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE
2 WESTERNERS, AND THE LIONS CLUB. DR. ERICK BRODEN, HE WAS A
3 FORMER PROFESSOR EMERITUS FROM CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY. HE ALSO
4 WAS DIRECTOR OF THE FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, AS
5 AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE HARRIET DAILY-- I SHOULD SAY HE WAS A
6 COLUMNIST FOR THE DAILY RECORD AND AUTHORED TWO BOOKS AND ALSO
7 WAS A FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE INTERCOLLEGIATE STUDIES
8 INSTITUTE DEALING WITH PROGRAMS AT THE HOOVER INSTITUTE. JIM
9 JACKSON, CIVIC LEADER AND PHILANTHROPIST, WAS OWNER OF THE
10 JOSHUA MEMORIAL PARK AND WAS SEVEN TIMES HONORARY MAYOR OF
11 LANCASTER. JOHN NADLE AND BRENDA BONES- FIALA FROM ANTELOPE
12 VALLEY. ON ITEM-- SO MOVED, MR. CHAIRMAN.

13
14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

15
16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM NUMBER 18, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO AMEND
17 THAT TO READ THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITIES OF LA VERNE
18 AND CLAREMONT HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING THE EXPIRATION
19 OF TRI CITIES WRAPAROUND CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. TRI-CITIES HAS BEEN A WRAPAROUND
21 PROVIDER SINCE DECEMBER 2002, PROVIDES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
22 TO SEVERELY MENTALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN RESIDING IN THE EAST
23 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, PARTICULARLY THE COMMUNITIES OF POMONA, LA
24 VERNE AND CLAREMONT, TO ENSURE THAT THE EXPIRATION OF THE
25 CONTRACT DOES NOT CAUSE UNDUE HARM TO THE CHILDREN RECEIVING



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1 THESE SERVICES. I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY
3 COUNSEL, TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 10 DAYS REGARDING THE
4 EXPIRATION OF THIS WRAPAROUND CONTRACT AND PLAN TO ENSURE
5 CONTINUED UNINTERRUPTED SERVICES FOR THESE CHILDREN AND
6 FAMILIES RESIDING IN THE COMMUNITIES OF LA VERNE, POMONA, AND
7 CLAREMONT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I HAVE-- I'LL SECOND THAT. ROSE
10 STEINER. IS SHE STILL HERE? LISA GOODWIN. LUANN MARTENSON?
11 RHONDA MCCLOUD? COME FORWARD, PLEASE. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

12

13 **LUANN MARTENSON:** MY NAME IS LUANN MARTENSON, I'M THE EXECUTIVE
14 DIRECTOR FOR TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER. WE WANTED TO COME
15 TODAY AND SHARE A BIT OF INFORMATION. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
16 STRUCK ME AS I WALKED INTO THE MEETING THIS MORNING WAS SOME
17 OF THE WORDS SHARED BY REVEREND GARRETT, AND THAT HIS WORDS
18 ENCOURAGED US ALL TO CONTINUE TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT
19 STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES AND TO HELP PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
20 ILLNESS IN SPECIFIC. TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER HAS BEEN
21 PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CLAREMONT, POMONA, AND LA
22 VERNE FOR OVER 44 YEARS. WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY
23 INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS, AND ONE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WE'RE MOST
24 PROUD OF IS THE WORK DONE IN RECENT YEARS WITH THE WRAPAROUND
25 PROGRAM. THE WRAPAROUND PROGRAM HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS



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1 DIFFERENCE TO MANY CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND YOU'LL
2 HEAR A BIT OF SOME OF THOSE DIFFERENCES IN PEOPLE'S LIVES, BUT
3 WE ALSO HAVE AN UNBELIEVABLE TEAM THAT WILL WORK NIGHT AND DAY
4 TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN. WE WOULD LIKE TO-- WE
5 UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE MOTION THAT WAS
6 SUBMITTED AND WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT WE BE ABLE TO BE
7 INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF-- EITHER IN THE PROCESS OF
8 PREPARING THE REPORT OR PREPARING AN ADDITIONAL REPORT THAT
9 WOULD BE SUBMITTED IN THE 10-DAY TIMELINE WITH SOME ADDITIONAL
10 INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL, AND WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
11 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE TRANSITION OF THE CLIENTS BE
12 POSTPONED UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE REPORT HAS BEEN REVIEWED.

13

14 **RHONDA MCCLOUD:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RHONDA MCCLOUD. I'M A
15 WRAPAROUND FACILITATOR FOR TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH. I WAS GIVEN
16 A LETTER THAT I'M JUST GOING TO READ BRIEFLY FROM ONE OF THE
17 SOCIAL WORKERS AND I WANTED TO LET THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
18 KNOW THAT THE WRAPAROUND PROCESS INVOLVES THE JUDGES, WHO ARE
19 VERY SUPPORTIVE IN WHAT THE WRAPAROUND PROCESS HAS DONE WITH
20 THE FAMILIES OF SOME OF THESE KIDS IN LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS
21 THE C.S.W.S, THE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE VERY MUCH GRATEFUL FOR THE
22 HELP THAT WE GIVE THEM. OUR TEAMS ARE DEDICATED AND THIS
23 PROGRAM GIVES THESE CHILDREN HOPE. THIS LETTER IS FROM THE ONE
24 OF THE SOCIAL WORKERS. "THIS LETTER IS BEING WRITTEN
25 CONCERNING A CHILD THAT I HAVE THAT'S A WARD OF L.A. COURT,



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1 THE PROGRESS THAT THIS CHILD HAS MADE BEING INVOLVED IN THE
2 WRAPAROUND TEAM. WHEN HE WAS FIRST REFERRED TO THE WRAPAROUND
3 PROCESS, HE WAS A JUVENILE DELINQUENT, VERY UNSTABLE BY THE
4 MEANS THAT HE WOULD BOUNCE FROM PLACEMENT TO PLACEMENT. THIS
5 CHILD VERBALLY AND PHYSICALLY LASHED OUT AT PEOPLE AND WAS ON
6 PROBATION FOR CARRYING A KNIFE AT SCHOOL AND FAILING ALL HIS
7 CLASSES. SINCE THIS CHILD HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE
8 WRAPAROUND PROCESS, HE HAS STAYED STABLE IN A GROUP HOME FOR
9 THREE MONTHS AND WAS THEN PLACED BACK WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER.
10 THE CHILD HAS BROUGHT UP ALL HIS GRADES FROM A TO B AND IS
11 CURRENTLY WORKING ON GETTING ON THE HONOR ROLE." AND THEN I
12 JUST WANTED TO ADD, TOO, THAT THERE'S ANOTHER ONE FROM A
13 FAMILY JUST SAYING THAT SHE EXPRESSES HER DEEP APPRECIATION
14 FOR THE WRAPAROUND TEAM THAT'S BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF HER FAMILY.
15 AND WE ALSO HAVE ONE CHILD THAT WAS IN A GROUP HOME THAT IS
16 NOW WORKING FULL-TIME IN L.A. COUNTY AND HE IS NOW A TAXPAYER.
17 SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT THESE ARE SOME OF THE FAMILIES
18 THAT I'VE ONLY BEEN WORKING WITH IN NINE MONTHS AND WE'VE SEEN
19 THEM TURN AROUND AND BE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR PLACEMENTS BACK AT
20 HOME. AND THAT'S THE WRAPAROUND PHILOSOPHY, IS GETTING THESE
21 KIDS THAT WERE AT MACLAREN BACK HOME WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT?

24



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1 **LISA GOODWIN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS LISA GOODWIN AND I'VE HAD THE
2 PRIVILEGE...

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ASK-- EXCUSE ME, LISA, BEFORE YOUR TIME
5 STARTS, I'M GOING TO ASK-- ROSE STEINER IS NOT HERE?

6

7 **LISA GOODWIN:** YOU KNOW, SHE RAN TO GET A SANDWICH.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YVONNE AUTRY AND CHARLES BRISTER, IF
10 YOU'D JOIN US HERE. OKAY. GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD, LISA.

11

12 **LISA GOODWIN:** AGAIN, MY NAME IS LISA GOODWIN. I'VE HAD THE
13 PRIVILEGE OF WORKING AS A CHILD AND FAMILY THERAPIST AS WELL
14 AS A SUPERVISOR FOR THE TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
15 WRAPAROUND PROGRAM IN POMONA. THIS HAS REALLY BEEN ONE OF THE
16 MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE AS I HAVE SEEN WHAT
17 PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN TROUBLED FAMILIES WHEN A COMMITTED,
18 WHEN A TALENTED STAFF COMES TOGETHER IN MISSION. I'M DEEPLY
19 SADDENED BY THE UNFORTUNATE-- THE PROSPECT OF THE UNFORTUNATE
20 LOSS OF THE CONTRACT THAT ALLOWS TRI-CITY TO SERVE THESE
21 FAMILIES. I WOULD LIKE TO READ A LETTER THAT WAS PREPARED BY
22 THE GREAT AUNT OF ONE OF OUR YOUTHS. SHE STATES HERE, "TO WHOM
23 IT MAY CONCERN. MY NAME IS DEAN. I'D LIKE TO SHARE THE
24 EXPERIENCE THAT I HAD WITH TRI-CITY WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR
25 THE LAST 1-1/2 YEARS FROM JANUARY 2003 UNTIL JULY OF 2004.



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1 ALTHOUGH I HAD PHYSICAL CUSTODY AND LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP OF TWO
2 OF MY MATERNAL GREAT NEPHEWS SINCE 2000 AND WE HAD WORKED
3 THROUGH A TOUGH TRANSITION PERIOD BECAUSE BOTH BROTHERS HAD
4 BEEN SEPARATED, LIVED IN TWO DIFFERENT FOSTER HOMES, WE DID
5 MANAGE, THROUGH PARENTING CLASSES AND COUNSELING, TO LEARN TO
6 LIVE, TO WORK, AND TO PLAY AS A UNIT OR FAMILY. AND, ALTHOUGH
7 DIFFICULT AT TIMES, PARENTING MY NEPHEWS IS ONE OF THE MOST
8 REWARDING THINGS THAT I'VE DONE. THEIR ELDEST BROTHER, DAVID,
9 JOINED US FEBRUARY OF 2003 AND WE WERE DELIGHTED THAT ANOTHER
10 BROTHER WOULD JOIN OUR HOME. DAVID, I KNEW, WOULD BE THE MOST
11 CHALLENGING, AS HE'S BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH BIPOLAR DISORDER,
12 OPPOSITIONAL DEFIANT DISORDER, AND ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER
13 WITH HYPERACTIVITY. AND, AS THE ELDEST CHILD, HE HAD SUFFERED
14 THE MOST, EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY, AT THE HANDS OF HIS
15 ABUSIVE AND DRUG-ADDICTED MOTHER AND HIS NONEXISTENT FATHER."

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. CAN YOU WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

18

19 **LISA GOODWIN:** "DESPITE ALL THIS, I HAD LOVE AND THE WHOLE-- I
20 HAD LOVE AND HOPE IN WRAPAROUND SERVICES. THE TRI-CITY
21 WRAPAROUND TEAM WAS WITH US EVERY STEP IN THE TRANSITION
22 PERIOD WITH COUNSELING, CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES, PSYCHIATRY,
23 HELP, AND RESPITE FOR ME BY MENTORING OR GUIDING MY NEPHEWS ON
24 OUTINGS. THE TRI-CITY WRAP TEAM EVEN WENT TO HIS SCHOOL TO
25 REDIRECT HIM WHEN THE SCHOOL WOULD CALL ME TO PICK HIM UP FOR



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1 ACTING OUT." I'LL JUST MAKE A FINAL COMMENT HERE FROM THE END
2 OF HER LETTER. "ALTHOUGH DAVID IS NOT CURRENTLY IN THE HOME,
3 HIS BROTHERS STILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AFTER TRI-CITY'S
4 INFLUENCE THROUGH COUNSELING, TALKING, LOTS OF LOVE,
5 APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINE, INCENTIVES AND CLASSES IN DEALING WITH
6 STRONG-WILLED CHILDREN. I SEE DAVID'S BROTHERS BECOMING
7 PRODUCTIVE, LAW-ABIDING, CONFIDENT YOUNG MEN AND, HOPEFULLY,
8 ALL THREE BROTHERS WILL BE JOINED AGAIN SOON. ALL THIS WAS
9 POSSIBLE WITH MY MAGNIFICENT WRAPAROUND TEAM FROM TRI-CITY. I
10 TRULY WISH THAT THE WRAPAROUND TEAM THAT HELPED US SO MUCH
11 COULD CONTINUE ITS SERVICES", AND SHE JUST SIGNS OFF AS AUNT
12 DEAN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF I COULD JUST ASK A QUESTION OF TRI-CITY.
17 WHAT HAVE YOU DONE RELATIVE TO CHANGING THE MANAGEMENT
18 PRACTICES THAT CREATED THE BANKRUPTCY SO THAT YOU WOULDN'T
19 HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE?

20

21 **LUANN MARTENSON:** WELL, WE'VE DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT. WE
22 CURRENTLY HAVE-- WE'RE WORKING WITH A TEAM OF CONSULTANTS,
23 PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IN THAT REGARD WOULD BE OUR
24 INTERIM C.F.O., MARGARET HARRIS, WHO WAS THE C.F.O. FOR A
25 LARGE HOSPITAL NETWORK. SHE'S DONE TREMENDOUS THINGS IN TERMS



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1 OF HELPING US DEVELOP SOME INFRASTRUCTURE AND CHANGING SOME OF
2 OUR SYSTEMS. SO WE'RE FEELING VERY CONFIDENT ABOUT THE
3 PROGRESS WE'VE MADE IN THE SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND VERY
4 CONFIDENT ABOUT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS YOUR TIME LINE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING?

7

8 **LUANN MARTENSON:** THE TIME LINE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING, WE ARE
9 HOPING TO HAVE A TURNAROUND PLAN SUBMITTED TO THE COURT BY THE
10 END OF AUGUST. I BELIEVE IT'S AUGUST 24TH, AND THEN WE HAVE A
11 HEARING WITH THE COURT IN MID OCTOBER AND SO WE'RE HOPING TO
12 EMERGE FROM BANKRUPTCY BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR, CALENDAR
13 YEAR.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. YVONNE, AND
16 THEN CHARLES BRISTER. OKAY. AFTER TESTIMONY, WE'RE GOING TO
17 ASK MR. SANDERS IF HE'D COME FORWARD.

18

19 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** OKAY. SHOULD I GO AHEAD? OKAY. THANK
20 YOU FOR THE THIRD OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL. WE JUST
21 GET ONE MINUTE FOR THIS ADDRESS? JUST ONE MINUTE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MMM-HMM.

24



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1 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** WELL, I DON'T DO DRUGS, I DON'T SMOKE,
2 I'M NOT A HOMOSEXUAL, I'M NOT A PEDOPHILE. I WORK. I HAVE AN
3 APARTMENT HERE DOWNTOWN AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK RELATIVE TO THIS
4 ITEM BECAUSE OF MYSELF AND OTHER MOTHERS AND FATHERS THAT HAVE
5 MALIGNED AND STEREOTYPED AND WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN
6 ILLEGALLY DETAINED. YOU'RE VERY FAMILIAR, I'M SURE, WITH ME
7 AND MY BABY'S FATHER, MERRITT HOLLOWAY. WE USED TO ATTEND
8 MEETINGS, FAMILY COMMISSION-- I MEAN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY
9 COMMISSION'S MEETINGS AND THEY WOULD DISCUSS WRAPAROUND AND
10 THE WARM GROUP. AGAIN, THE FEDERAL, COUNTY, STATE MONIES ARE
11 USUALLY ALLOCATED TOWARDS PLACING CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF
12 BIOLOGICAL FAMILIES BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT RELEASES THE FUNDS
13 AND LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO THE SOCIAL WORKERS. AGAIN, THESE
14 CHILDREN SHOULD BE-- I KNOW SOME CHILDREN ARE ABUSED AND THEY
15 SHOULD BE PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE HOME BUT FOR THOSE WHOSE
16 FAMILIES WHO CAN BE PRESERVED, THE FAMILIES SHOULD BE
17 PRESERVED BECAUSE THESE CHILDREN ARE BEING USED IN HORRIBLE,
18 HORRIBLE RITUALS. THIS HAS BEEN PROVEN IN THE FRANKLIN REPORT.
19 IT WAS PROVEN ALSO IN MINNESOTA BEFORE DAVID SANDERS CAME
20 HERE. THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN, THEY WERE CAUCASIAN CHILDREN,
21 BURNT DOWN IN A HOUSE. A LOT OF THESE CHILDREN ARE BEING
22 RITUALIZED, ABUSED, SODOMIZED, RAPED, TORTURED, MOLESTED, JUST
23 LIKE THAT MAN HAD SPOKE ABOUT EARLIER, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO
24 BE COVERED UP. SO, FOR THAT REASON, I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT
25 THIS WRAPAROUND GROUP OR THE WARM GROUP, WHAT ARE THEY DOING



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1 WITH THE CHILDREN, WHY ARE THEY THERE? ARE THEY BEING DRUGGED?
2 ARE THEY BEING IMPLANTED? ARE THEY BEING SOCIALIZED? ARE THEY
3 BEING COACHED AGAINST THEIR PARENTS? AND WHY CAN'T THERE BE
4 SOME FACILITATION OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION IN LIEU OF THIS
5 DISINTEGRATION OF THE FAMILY?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. BRISTER.

12

13 **CHARLES BRISTER:** YES. IT SAYS HERE ON THE PREAMBLE THE BASIC
14 CONDITIONS THAT REPRESENT THE WELLBEING WE SEEK FOR ALL
15 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE DELINEATED IN
16 THE FOLLOWING FIVE OUTCOMES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS IN JANUARY 1993: GOOD HEALTH, ECONOMIC WELLBEING,
18 SAFETY AND SURVIVAL, EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING, AND
19 EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE READINESS. ONE THING THAT COULD HELP
20 ALL OF THOSE ARE JOBS. WE HAVE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN THIS
21 AREA, IN THE SAME AREAS WHERE WE HAVE THE HIGHEST
22 UNEMPLOYMENT. WE ALSO HAVE THE HIGHEST CRIME IN THOSE AREAS.
23 SO ONE SOLUTION I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS SOME KIND OF AMENDMENT
24 THAT WOULD INCLUDE A JOBS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN, FOR TEENAGERS.
25 THAT WOULD HELP OUT IN ALL THESE AREAS. IT WOULD ALSO HELP CUT



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1 DOWN ON CRIME, HELP THEM GET OFF TO THE RIGHT ROAD IN LIFE,
2 WHICH IS MAKING AN HONEST DOLLAR. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS. THANK
3 YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. DAVID? MR. ANTONOVICH HAS
6 A COUPLE QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. SANDERS, THREE QUESTIONS. WHAT IS YOUR
9 PLAN TO TRANSFER THE CHILDREN CURRENTLY AT TRI-CITY TO OTHER
10 WRAPAROUND PROVIDERS AND HAVE YOU RECEIVED ADDITIONAL
11 INFORMATION FROM TRI-CITIES REGARDING THEIR FINANCIAL
12 VIABILITY AND WILL YOU BE MEETING WITH TRI-CITY PRIOR TO THE
13 EXPIRATION OF THEIR WRAPAROUND CONTRACT JULY 30TH?

14

15 **DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE-- I BELIEVE,
16 ACTUALLY, THERE WAS A MEETING YESTERDAY WITH A PLAN PUT IN
17 PLACE FOR TRANSITION OF THE YOUTH OUT OF TRI-CITY. THE-- THERE
18 ARE 21 CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES. FIVE OF THEM WILL BE
19 DISCONTINUED. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE REMAINDER WILL BE
20 MOVING TO SYCAMORES IN-- THAT PROVIDES WRAPAROUND SERVICES. SO
21 THE CHILDREN WILL GENERALLY MOVE TO THE SAME AGENCY FOR
22 SERVICES. AND THIS IS A PLAN, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR TRI-CITY
23 TO BE INVOLVED, AND THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE TRANSITION
24 PLAN. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING THE FINANCIAL
25 PLANNING THAT TRI-CITY HAS UNDERWAY, AND THERE ARE SEVERAL



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1 ISSUES THAT LED TO THE DECISION WE MADE TO ALLOW THE CONTRACT
2 TO EXPIRE. FIRST, THE PROVIDER HAS FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY, AS
3 MENTIONED, AND MANY OF THESE ISSUES REGARDING THE
4 REORGANIZATION WILL BE DEALT WITH IN BANKRUPTCY COURT. THE
5 SECOND IS THAT THE WRAPAROUND IS PROVIDED THROUGH A FEDERAL
6 WAIVER. THE STATE HAS ORDERED COUNTIES TO DISCONTINUE
7 ENROLLMENT IN WRAPAROUND UNTIL EITHER THE WRAPAROUND WAIVER IS
8 EXTENDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR THE WAIVER THAT WE HAVE
9 PROPOSED IS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO THERE WILL
10 NOT BE ANY NEW ENROLLMENT OF FEDERALLY ELIGIBLE CHILDREN INTO
11 WRAPAROUND. AND THEN THE THIRD ISSUE IS AS PART OF THE
12 ASSESSMENT OF THE SUCCESS OF THE-- OF WRAPAROUND, THE FEDERAL
13 GOVERNMENT IS ASSESSING THE COST OF NEUTRALITY. AND SO,
14 BECAUSE OF THE-- IF THE SECOND AND THIRD ISSUES ARE DEALT
15 WITH, WE WILL DO A NEW R.F.S.Q. FOR WRAPAROUND, HOPEFULLY
16 WITHIN SIX MONTHS, AND IF TRI-CITY HAS DEALT WITH THEIR ISSUES
17 OF REORGANIZATION, THEY CAN APPLY FOR A CONTRACT AND CERTAINLY
18 COMPETE FOR A CONTRACT. BUT WE DECIDED THAT, RIGHT NOW, IT
19 WOULD BE MOST PRUDENT TO ALLOW THE CONTRACT TO EXPIRE AND FOR
20 THE ISSUES, THE FINANCIAL ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH IN
21 BANKRUPTCY COURT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'LL CONTINUE TO HAVE DIALOGUE WITH
24 TRI-CITY?

25



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1 **DAVID SANDERS:** ABSOLUTELY.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO WE HAVE THE AMENDED-- AMENDMENT TO
4 THE ITEM 18 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE
5 CHAIR WILL SECOND. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
6 OBJECTIONS? SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, RELATIVE TO THE WEST NILE VIRUS
9 THAT HAS IMPACTED OUR AREA, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD
10 DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH TO
11 OFFER THE SERVICES OF PUBLIC HEALTH SPEAKERS BUREAU
12 PRESENTATIONS TO CITY COUNCILS AND OTHER COMMUNITY
13 ORGANIZATIONS TO INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE MAYOR, CITY
14 MANAGER, TOWN COUNCILS, LETTING THEM KNOW THE STATUS OF THE
15 WEST NILE VIRUS IN THE COUNTY AND WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE
16 FOR THE RESIDENTS AND HOW TO ACCESS THOSE RESOURCES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** INCLUDING TOWN COUNCILS. AND THIS IS A-- AND
21 WE COULD VOTE ON THAT TODAY. THE-- HAVING THE DIRECTOR OF
22 PUBLIC HEALTH...

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AT LEAST TO WEST NILE VIRUS.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...SERVICES TO PROVIDE SPEAKERS FROM THEIR
2 PUBLIC HEALTH SPEAKERS BUREAU RELATIVE TO THE WEST NILE VIRUS
3 THAT WE'RE HAVING IN OUR COMMUNITY GO OUT TO THE TOWN
4 COUNCILS, THE CITY COUNCILS AND MAYORS. SO MOVED.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. FINE. MOVE FOR URGENCY AND-- BY
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THEN THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
10 SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN FOR NEXT WEEK, ON APRIL 6TH, THE
13 BOARD DIRECTED THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT AND C.I.O. TO REVIEW THE PROCEDURES AND WEBSITES
15 IMPLANTED BY A NUMBER OF OTHER ENTITIES REGARDING THE
16 INCLUSION BY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF HIGH-RISK SEX
17 OFFENDERS AND BRING BACK THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY
18 FOR A WEBSITE. THE REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINS THE
19 NECESSARY PROCEDURES AND RECOMMENDS INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING
20 INFORMATION RELATIVE TO OFFENDERS' NAMES, ALIASES, GENDER,
21 SEX, PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, DATE OF BIRTH, CRIME, ET CETERA.
22 AND WE'D MOVE, FOR NEXT WEEK, THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THOSE
23 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S JUNE 18TH REPORT AND
24 DIRECT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD TO SEND A LETTER TO OUR 88



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1 CITIES NOTIFYING THEM OF OUR INTENT AND DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO
2 IDENTIFY...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. IT WON'T BE NEXT WEEK. IT'LL BE
5 AUGUST 3RD.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TWO WEEKS, TWO WEEKS. THE \$2,000 NECESSARY
8 FOR THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COSTS. THAT'S ALL, MR. CHAIRMAN.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PUBLIC HEARING. PUBLIC COMMENT.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** (OFF-MIKE) OH, OKAY. I'M SORRY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
15 MEMORY OF HELEN ANN AMESTOY. SHE WAS A MUCH ADMIRER AND LOVED
16 LIBRARIAN WITH THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 25 YEARS. SHE SERVED FOR
17 22 OF THOSE YEARS AS COMMUNITY LIBRARY MANAGER OF THE ANGELO
18 M. LACOBONI LIBRARY IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, RETIRING IN 1990.
19 PREVIOUSLY, SHE HAD SERVED AT THE CARSON AND LYNWOOD
20 LIBRARIES. IN 2004, MRS. AMESTOY WAS INDUCTED INTO THE LEGENDS
21 OF LAKEWOOD HALL OF FAME IN HONOR OF THE CITY'S 50TH BIRTHDAY
22 CELEBRATION, AND FOR THE LASTING CONTRIBUTION SHE HAD MADE TO
23 THE FABRIC OF THE COMMUNITY OF LAKEWOOD. SHE SERVED AS A ROLE
24 MODEL FOR SCORES OF LIBRARIANS, YOUNG AND OLD, KNOWN FOR HER
25 DEDICATION. SHE WAS NOTED FOR HER DEEP KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF



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1 LITERATURE. SHE WAS CREDITED WITH THE SECOND LARGEST PRIVATE
2 COLLECTION IN THE UNITED STATES IN MANY LANGUAGES ABOUT CATS.
3 MRS. AMESTOY WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF THE
4 U.C.L.A. LIBRARY SCHOOL. SHE WON MANY HONORS OVER HER
5 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL CAREER, INCLUDING LIBRARIAN OF THE
6 YEAR IN 1980 AND ACTIVE IN BOTH THE CALIFORNIA AMERICAN
7 LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, SERVING ON THE INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM
8 COMMITTEE. SHE WAS THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA
9 SOCIETY OF LIBRARIANS. SHE WILL BE LOVINGLY REMEMBERED BY HER
10 DAUGHTERS, HELEN KAMI AMESTOY LEE, MARGOT AMESTOY ANTINOJA,
11 MICHELLE FRANCOIS AMESTOY AND HER GRANDCHILDREN, JUAN MIGUEL
12 LEE AND MARGO RENEE LEE. AND MAGGIE L. BLUITT...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT WAS SUDDEN. SHE JUST PASSED AWAY
15 BECAUSE I WAS (OFF-MIKE)

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** SHE PASSED AWAY JULY 8TH. AND MAGGIE L. BLUITT,
18 WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 5TH. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND
19 DISTRICT SINCE 1952 AND INVOLVED WITH VARIOUS CHURCHES IN THE
20 SECOND DISTRICT. A LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER AT SAINT FRANCIS
21 HOSPITAL IN LYNWOOD AND WAS ACTIVE WITH DOLLAR HIGH SENIOR
22 CENTER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY TWO SISTERS, ONE BROTHER, THREE
23 DAUGHTERS, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN AND SIX GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN
24 AND A HOST OF OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. SHE'S THE AUNT OF
25 DELL HUFF OF MY OFFICE. FINALLY, MARGARET TAKATA, LONG-TIME



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1 RESIDENT OF GARDENA. SHE PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY, JULY 15TH.
2 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, HOWARD TAKATA, RETIRED COUNTY
3 EMPLOYEE AND FOUNDER OF THE ASIAN-AMERICAN EMPLOYEES
4 ASSOCIATION, TWO CHILDREN, MICHAEL AND DON, AND TWO
5 GRANDCHILDREN. I MOVE FOR APPROVAL.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU
8 HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
11 GRACIA LYNWOOD, SHE IS THE SIX-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS KILLED ON
12 SUNDAY NIGHT WHILE SHE WAS OUT GETTING AN ICE CREAM CONE IN EL
13 MONTE. THERE WERE TWO OTHER VICTIMS THAT WERE SHOT AS WELL,
14 BUT GRACIA IS THE ONLY ONE THAT DIED AT THE SCENE. IT'S REALLY
15 A HORRIFIC STORY, AND HOPEFULLY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PRESS
16 CONFERENCE TOMORROW THAT WILL SHOW THE VIDEO AND, HOPEFULLY,
17 WE CAN CATCH THE CULPRITS BY HAVING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATE IN
18 IDENTIFYING WHO KILLED THIS LITTLE GIRL. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT
19 WE ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS.
22 JUAN NUNEZ...

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON ITEM 57-E, I WAS HOLDING.
25 I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW MY HOLD AND JUST GO AHEAD...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION?
5 ANY OBJECTIONS? ITEM 57-E MOVED. JUAN NUNEZ, RICHARD BOUMAN,
6 MARLENE SHINENIGAN...

7

8 **MARLENE SHINENIGAN:** SHINENIGAN.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE PROCEED. PAUL SATO.

11

12 **JUAN NUNEZ:** JUAN NUNEZ. 2702 DEL MAR AVENUE IN THE CITY OF
13 ROSEMEAD. I AM HERE TO TALK AGAINST THE PROPOSED WAL-MART THAT
14 IS PROPOSED IN THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD. THE AREA, YOU KNOW WHERE
15 THE AREA IS, CANNOT SUPPORT ANY MORE TRAFFIC. THERE'S-- IN THE
16 AREA THERE, THERE'S A LOT OF STREETS THAT UNLOAD INTO JUST ONE
17 STREET, WHICH WOULD BE DELTA ON THE WEST OF THE PROPOSED
18 PROJECT, AND I MYSELF DON'T THINK THAT THE AREA WILL BE ABLE
19 TO SUPPORT THAT MUCH TRAFFIC ANY MORE. FOR THAT REASON, I AM
20 HERE. THE E.I.R. SAYS THAT IT HAS ANALYSIS PRESENTED BY THE
21 E.I.R. INDICATES THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL HAVE CERTAIN
22 SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC, AIR QUALITY AND NOISE IMPACT THAT CANNOT
23 BE MITIGATED. THEN, ON THE LAST PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING,
24 WE WERE HANDED ANOTHER PAGE WHICH SAYS THE CALIFORNIA QUALITY
25 ACT, C.E.Q.A., GENERALLY REQUIRES PUBLIC AGENCY TO DISCUSS AND



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1 MEASURE A POTENTIAL IMPACT OF A PROJECT. THE REPORT WAS NOT
2 DESIGNED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OR AGAINST A SPECIFIC
3 PROJECT, WHICH PRESENT FACTS SURROUNDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT.
4 THE CITY ATTORNEY, CITY CONSULTANT AND STAFF HAVE WORKED
5 EXTREMELY HARD TO PRESENT BALANCED ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES OF
6 THE WAL-MART PROJECT. THEN IT GOES, "THE COMMISSIONERS FINDS
7 THE E.I.R. CERTAIN DIAGRAMS OF THE PROSPECTIVE PROJECT
8 DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVES AND ADDRESS ALL THE POTENTIAL IMPACT
9 APPLYABLE TO DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT. PLANNING COMMISSION
10 ACTION ON THE E.I.R. ALSO WILL REQUIRE THE COMMISSION CONSIDER
11 APPROVING FINDINGS, A MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM, AND
12 STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONDITIONS FOR THOSE SHORT OR LONG-
13 TERM IMPACTS THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED, PHYSICALLY MITIGATED.
14 THESE IMPACTS ARE CAUSED IN THE E.I.R. AND ARE INCLUDED IN THE
15 AIR QUALITY PROJECT..."

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. IF YOU COULD WRAP IT UP,
18 PLEASE, JUST SORT OF CONCLUDE. THANK YOU. IF YOU COULD JUST--
19 GOT ANY CLOSING COMMENT THERE? OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. BOWMAN.

20

21 **RICHARD BOWMAN:** MY NAME'S RICHARD BOWMAN, I LIVE AT 8305
22 SCENIC DRIVE IN THE SOUTH SAN GABRIEL AREA. MY COMMENTS ARE
23 FOR SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. BECAUSE YOU ARE THE
24 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT-- SHE LEFT OR-- OH, SHE'S
25 ON THE PHONE.



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2 **FEMALE VOICE:** SHE'S ON THE PHONE.

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4 **RICHARD BOWMAN:** WE'LL WAIT FOR HER.

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6 **FEMALE VOICE:** WE WAITED ALL DAY.

7

8 **RICHARD BOWMAN:** OH, NO PROBLEM. I WAS JUST SAYING THAT MY
9 COMMENTS ARE TO YOU, SEEING THAT YOU ARE OUR SUPERVISOR OF THE
10 FIRST DISTRICT AND REPRESENT SOUTH...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF ROSEMEAD OR...

13

14 **RICHARD BOWMAN:** WE'RE IN THE COUNTY. WE'RE IN THE COUNTY OF
15 THE SOUTH SAN GABRIEL AREA. SO I'LL JUST READ THIS. BECAUSE
16 YOU ARE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT, WE WOULD
17 LIKE TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE WAL-MART PROJECT PLANNED
18 IN ROSEMEAD. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF
19 RUSH STREET BETWEEN WALNUT GROVE AVENUE ON THE EAST AND DELTA
20 AVENUE ON THE WEST. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY ENCOMPASSES A TOTAL
21 OF APPROXIMATELY 23.65 ACRES. THIS IS THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF
22 ROSEMEAD AND ADJACENT TO UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY THAT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS OF
24 THAT UNINCORPORATED AREA KNOWN AS SOUTH SAN GABRIEL. THE
25 GREATEST IMPACT WILL BE ON TRAFFIC, AIR QUALITY, NOISE, AND



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1 EMERGENCY SERVICES. THE PROJECT IS PLANNED BY A COMPANY OWNED
2 BY WAL-MART. THE INITIAL STUDY AND DRAFT E.I.R. WERE COMPLETED
3 BY A COMPANY CHOSEN BY WAL-MART. IT IS NOT FAIR OR BALANCED.
4 WE'RE PRESENTING YOU WITH COPIES OF A PETITION WITH 3,500
5 SIGNATURES OF PEOPLE FROM SOUTH SAN GABRIEL, ROSEMEAD, AND
6 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES WHO OBJECT TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. THE
7 LOCATION IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR RETAIL BUSINESS BECAUSE IT IS
8 LARGELY RESIDENTIAL. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE TWO SCHOOLS IN
9 CLOSE PROXIMITY. ONE IS RICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON RUSH STREET
10 AND THE OTHER IS DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL ON SAN GABRIEL
11 BOULEVARD AT DELTA AVENUE. WE ARE OFFICIALLY REQUESTING YOUR
12 SUPPORT AND REPRESENTATION TO OBJECT AND PROTEST THE PROJECT.
13 PLEASE COME TO VIEW THE SITE AND ATTEND OUR GRASSROOTS
14 MEETINGS TO HEAR OUR CONCERNS. ALTHOUGH THE DEADLINE TO
15 RESPOND TO THE DRAFT E.I.R. HAS PASSED, WE MUST PREPARE
16 OBJECTIONS TO PRESENT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE
17 ROSEMEAD PLANNING COMMISSION. THAT HEARING IS TENTATIVELY
18 SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 16TH, 2004.

19
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WRAP IT UP.

21
22 **RICHARD BOWMAN:** WE MUST HAVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY-- YEAH, IT'S
23 ALMOST OVER. WE MUST HAVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REPRESENTATION TO
24 BE SUCCESSFUL. I HAVE THE PETITIONS HERE I'D LIKE YOU TO...



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE, SIR, SO THAT YOU KNOW, WE ARE-- WE HAVE
2 RESPONDED AND WE ARE OBJECTING, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE
3 TRAFFIC CONCERNS, BUT THE IMPACTS ON THE SAN GABRIEL AREA. YOU
4 UNDERSTAND, THOUGH, THAT THIS IS A DECISION THAT IS MADE BY
5 THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD. WE'VE ASKED THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD IN THE
6 PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD, THAT'S WHERE WE CAN
7 GO AND RAISE OUR CONCERNS. IT'S GOING TO BE ON AUGUST THE 4TH.

8

9 **RICHARD BOWMAN:** THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S A COMMUNITY MEETING WITH THE CITY BEING
12 THERE, BECAUSE, AS MUCH AS I OBJECT, AT THE END OF THE DAY,
13 THIS BOARD DOESN'T MAKE THAT DECISION; THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD
14 WILL MAKE THAT.

15

16 **RICHARD BOWMAN:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT YOU'RE OUR
17 REPRESENTATIVE. WE DON'T HAVE ANY REPRESENTATIVE BUT THE BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS AND THAT'S WHY WE COME HERE TO YOU.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. AND THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH. AND JUST SO
21 THAT YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN MONITORING THIS ISSUE, WE'VE
22 RECEIVED AN AWFUL A LOT OF LETTERS AND THE IMPLICATIONS, NOT
23 ONLY FOR SAN GABRIEL, BUT FOR MONTEREY PARK, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
24 CALLING US ON THESE ISSUES. IT'S A SHAME THAT CITY OF ROSEMEAD
25 IS BUILDING IT WAY OFF ON THE EDGE OF THEIR CITY INSTEAD OF...



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2 **RICHARD BOWMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO WE HAVE RAISED THOSE ISSUES, WE'VE ASKED
5 FOR A MEETING, AND WE'RE FINALLY GOING TO GET THAT ON AUGUST
6 4TH.

7

8 **RICHARD BOWMAN:** DO YOU KNOW WHERE THAT MEETING IS GOING TO BE
9 HELD?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, BUT I CAN GET THAT FOR YOU IN A SECOND.

12

13 **FEMALE VOICE:** SHE SAID IT WOULD BE PETREL.

14

15 **RICHARD BOWMAN:** OKAY. WELL, THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'D ASK JOHN COBBLE COMMI TO JOIN US
18 AND CECILIA NISHIMURA, IF THEY'RE STILL HERE. IF NOT, MARGARET
19 BOWMAN. IF SHE WANTS TO SPEAK. AND-- OKAY. GO AHEAD. YOU'RE
20 NEXT.

21

22 **MARLENE SHINEN:** MARLENE SHINEN? I DIDN'T...

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, I ALREADY CALLED YOU FIRST. I WAS
25 ASKING THEM TO COME UP AND JOIN US.



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2 **MARLENE SHINEN:** MY NAME IS MARLENE SHINEN. I'M IN SOUTH SAN
3 GABRIEL. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I KNOW YOU'RE
4 TIRED. WE'RE TIRED. WE'VE BEEN HERE SINCE 9:30, BUT THIS IS
5 VERY IMPORTANT TO US. THIS HAS TO DO WITH OUR HOMES. AS YOU
6 REMEMBER, THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT ON THE 60 FREEWAY NOT LONG
7 AGO, A TRAGIC ACCIDENT WHERE AN 18 WHEEL TRUCK CARRYING
8 CANTALOUPE OVERTURNED. THE FREEWAY WAS CLOSED FOR EIGHT
9 HOURS. THAT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH MAYBE PEOPLE
10 COMING HERE, BUT IT WAS TRAGIC. THE DRIVER JUMPED OUT, ONLY TO
11 FIND OUT THIS MAN DID NOT HAVE A LICENSE TO DRIVE AN 18-
12 WHEELER. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE HAPPENING QUITE
13 FREQUENTLY IF WAL-MART IS ALLOWED TO COME DOWN THE STREET FROM
14 WHERE WE LIVE. BEING IN SOUTH SAN GABRIEL, WE ARE SANDWICHED
15 BETWEEN THE 60 FREEWAY WHERE THESE TRUCKS COME AND THE WAL-
16 MART, WHICH WOULD BE DOWN THE HILL FROM WHERE WE LIVE. I
17 DON'T-- THIS IS MY REPRESENTATIVE-- I MEAN, THIS IS MY
18 SUPERVISOR THAT'S ON THE PHONE, SO I THINK I'LL JUST WAIT. CAN
19 YOU PLEASE STOP THE CLOCK? BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE HERE IS GOING
20 TO ASK FOR MY VOTE BUT GLORIA MOLINA, AND SHE'S OCCUPIED.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU JUST PLEASE PROCEED?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE AT 1:00. I'M TRYING TO DO
25 TWO THINGS AT THE SAME TIME.



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2 **MARLENE SHINEN:** WE WAITED SINCE 9:30 TO TALK TO YOU.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND AND I'VE BEEN TRYING TO RUSH THE
5 REST OF IT. I UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION. AND, PLEASE, I'M JUST
6 TRYING TO GET TWO THINGS DONE AT THE SAME TIME.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE PROCEED. YOUR TIME IS GOING.

9

10 **MARLENE SHINEN:** I DON'T HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE. THAT'S THE
11 PROBLEM. WE'RE IN SOUTH SAN GABRIEL. WE DON'T HAVE SOMEONE TO
12 REPRESENT US. WE DON'T HAVE THE CITY COUNCIL TO REPRESENT US.
13 AND SHE'S OCCUPIED.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** MISS, YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT IN AN UNINCORPORATED
16 AREA.

17

18 **MARLENE SHINEN:** PARDON ME?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA.

21

22 **MARLENE SHINEN:** RIGHT. BUT YOU ARE THE PERSON THAT ASKED FOR
23 MY VOTE.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I UNDERSTAND. AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE SET UP THE
2 MEETING, THAT'S WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN THE E.I.R.

3

4 **MARLENE SHINEN:** NO, I'M-- OKAY. I'VE BEEN TOLD BY THE TRAFFIC
5 DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY THAT THIS-- THE REPLY FROM THE
6 TRAFFIC WAS NO IMPACT, THAT THIS WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON US.
7 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ALL THESE TRUCKS-- LISTEN-- ALL THESE
8 TRUCKS COMING FROM THE 60 FREEWAY THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO
9 WAL-MART! YOU'VE GOT TO GET THIS VISION. THE 60 FREEWAY IS
10 GOING TO HAVE ALL THESE 18-WHEELERS. THEY'RE GOING TO COME
11 DOWN DELTA, THEY'RE GOING TO COME DOWN PATRERO, THEY'RE GOING
12 TO COME DOWN SAN GABRIEL RIGHT THROUGH SOUTH SAN GABRIEL TO
13 GET TO ROSEMEAD.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHO IN THE COUNTY TOLD YOU THAT? WHO IN THE
16 COUNTY TOLD YOU THAT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT-- OUR COUNTY ROAD
17 DEPARTMENT SAID NO IMPACT?

18

19 **MARLENE SHINEN:** THAT TOLD ME THAT THERE WAS NO IMPACT?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHO TOLD YOU?

22

23 **MARLENE SHINEN:** PASAM.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** PASAM.



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2 **MARLENE SHINEN:** HE TOLD ME HE GOT THAT INFORMATION...

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, I'LL CALL HIM RIGHT NOW.

5

6 **MARLENE SHINEN:** ...FROM-- NOT NICOLE, NO, IT'S PASAM. GOOD, I
7 HOPE THAT'S NOT TRUE. HE'S IN TRAFFIC. HE'S IN THE COUNTY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PUBLIC WORKS. SHE'S CALLING THEM RIGHT NOW.

10

11 **MARLENE SHINEN:** ANYWAY, GETTING BACK TO THE TRUCK DRIVER, THE
12 TRUCK DRIVERS DON'T OBEY THE LAW. WE'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THEY'RE
13 NOT GOING TO COME DOWN DELTA, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO COME DOWN
14 THE RESIDENTIAL STREETS, BUT THESE TRUCK DRIVERS ARE GOING TO
15 DO WHAT THEY CAN DO TO GET TO THEIR DELIVERY SITE WHENEVER
16 THEY THINK IT'S RIGHT FOR THEM. SO THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT TO HELP US THERE BECAUSE ALREADY THE BUDGET IS
18 TIGHT. SO ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TRAFFIC-- TRAFFIC OFFICERS TO
19 TRAFFIC-- I MEAN TO CITE THESE TRUCK DRIVERS WHEN THEY'RE
20 DOING SOMETHING THAT IS ILLEGAL? I JUST DON'T THINK WE'RE
21 GOING TO HAVE THAT FORCE THERE FOR US. IT JUST TAKES-- THIS
22 TRUCK HERE ON THE 60 FREEWAY EXPLODED. THIS TRUCK DRIVER
23 DIDN'T HAVE A LICENSE, HE WAS DRIVING SOMETHING. HE DIDN'T
24 HAVE A HANDLE ON IT, IT EXPLODED. IF THAT EXPLODED IN A
25 NEIGHBORHOOD, IT TAKES ONE EXPLOSION TO KILL A FAMILY, ONE



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1 EXPLOSION TO DO THIS DESTRUCTION IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA. THIS
2 WAS ON THE FREEWAY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. COULD YOU WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

5

6 **MARLENE SHINEN:** OKAY. WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR YOUR HELP, WE'RE
7 ASKING FOR YOU TO TAKE A STAND, WE'RE ASKING FOR GLORIA MOLINA
8 TO PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING, TAKE A STAND. ROMERO'S BEEN
9 EVERYWHERE FOR US.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** OUR MEETING IS AUGUST THE 4TH, MA'AM.

12

13 **MARLENE SHINEN:** WILL YOU BE THERE?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

16

17 **MARLENE SHINEN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MRS-- PAUL.

20

21 **PAUL CITO:** MY NAME IS PAUL CITO, AND I LIVE AT 8361 SIERRA
22 BONITA, AND I'M HERE BECAUSE WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
23 D.E.R. THAT CAME OUT THAT SAID THAT, REGARDING THE EARTHQUAKE,
24 THERE WAS LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE OF-- AND THE GEOLOGISTS HAVE
25 TOLD US THAT THERE IS AN ACTIVE FAULT CALLED THE ALHAMBRA WASH



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1 FAULT THAT CUTS THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROPERTY IN A NORTH/SOUTH
2 DIRECTION. AND THERE WAS A-- AS YOU RECALL ON OCTOBER 1ST,
3 1987, THE WHITTIER EARTHQUAKE, 5.9. AND ITS EPICENTER WAS
4 DIRECTLY ACROSS THE SITE. AND THE GEOLOGISTS TELL US THAT
5 EARTHQUAKES FOLLOW THE SAME PATH WHERE THE FAULT EXISTS, AND
6 THIS FAULT HAS BEEN PROVEN TO EXIST ON THIS SITE. YET THE
7 REPORT SHOWS THERE'S NO SIGNIFICANCE. ADDITIONALLY, THIS
8 PROPERTY IS ALSO IN THE LIQUEFACTION ZONE, AND THE GEOLOGISTS
9 THAT MADE THE REPORT SAID THERE WAS LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE
10 BECAUSE THE TOP FIVE FEET WAS SOLID DIRT. THE GEOLOGIST TELLS
11 US THAT THE WATER LEVEL UP TO 30 FEET IS A MAJOR FACTOR IN
12 LIQUEFACTION, YET NO STUDY WAS DONE, AND THEY MAKE A REPORT
13 THAT SAYS THERE IS LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE. AND THESE ARE THE
14 TOPICS THAT REALLY CONCERN US, BECAUSE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
15 THE SUPERVISORS LOOK INTO THIS BECAUSE WE HAVE NO VOICE. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FIRST OF ALL, YOU DO HAVE A VOICE IN THE
19 SENSE THAT THE D.E.I.R., I ASSUME, THAT'S A DRAFT OF THE
20 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. THE COMMENTS, AS RELATES FROM HER
21 PUBLIC MEETING THAT SHE'S GOING TO BE HOLDING, YOUR COMMENTS
22 SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AT, AND THEN THEY HAVE TO COMMENT ON EACH
23 AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE. OKAY. THERE'S A WHOLE PROCESS, A
24 PUBLIC PROCESS THAT HAS TO BE DONE. SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS
25 OF GREAT INTEREST AND SHOULD BE PART OF THE D.E.I.R. AS YOU



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1 RESPOND TO THAT, THEN THEY HAVE TO RESPOND BACK IN A FINAL
2 E.I.R. TO ALL THE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS RAISED BY-- BUT,
3 ULTIMATELY, THE VOTING RESPONSIBLE WILL BE THE CITY OF SAN
4 GABRIEL, BUT OBVIOUSLY THE COUNTY, BECAUSE OF THE
5 UNINCORPORATED AREA, WILL HAVE SOME IMPACT ON THE INPUT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S ON THE SITE NOW?

8

9 **FEMALE VOICE:** NOTHING. VACANT LOT. EUCALYPTUS TREES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** A LIVE ONE? MOST OF OUR EUCALYPTUS TREES
12 HAVE DIED. MRS. BOWMAN.

13

14 **MARGARET BOWMAN:** OKAY. I'M MARGARET BOWMAN AND I LIVE AT 8305
15 SCENIC DRIVE IN SOUTH SAN GABRIEL ALSO. I MADE A COMMENT TO
16 THE DRAFT E.I.R. AND I'M GOING TO READ WHAT I HAD SAID AT THAT
17 MEETING. AS A REGISTERED NURSE LIVING IN THE AREA AFFECTED BY
18 THE PROPOSED WAL-MART, I MUST COMMENT ON THE EFFECT IT WILL
19 HAVE ON AIR QUALITY. THAT'S ANOTHER ONE OF THE THINGS WE ARE
20 REALLY WORRIED ABOUT. THE DRAFT E.I.R. IS QUITE CLEAR IN
21 STATING THAT THE PROJECT- RELATED OPERATIONAL EMISSION
22 PROJECTIONS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE, REACTIVE ORGANIC GASSES AND
23 OXIDE AND NITROGEN WILL HAVE ADVERSE AIR QUALITY IMPACT. IT IS
24 ALSO VERY EXPLICIT ON THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF SHORT AND LONG-
25 TERM EXPOSURE, INCLUDING DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING, EVEN FOR



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1 HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS. ONE CAN THEN IMAGINE THE EFFECTS ON THE
2 SO-CALLED SENSITIVE RECEPTORS DEFINED IN THE E.I.R. AS THE
3 ELDERLY, THE YOUNG, AND THE INFIRM. WORKING IN A HOSPITAL,
4 I'VE SEEN MANY ELDERLY PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC RESPIRATORY
5 DISEASES STRUGGLING TO CATCH EACH BREATH, AND, YES, I HAVE
6 SEEN THEM DIE. THE PROBLEM IS THEY WERE REAL PEOPLE LIKE YOU
7 AND ME WITH A FAMILY THAT LOVED THEM. THEY WEREN'T JUST
8 SENSITIVE RECEPTORS. MAYBE YOU CAN SEE WHY I HAVE SUCH A
9 CONCERN. THE AREA TARGETED HAS MANY HOMES WITH PEOPLE WHO LIKE
10 TO WALK. YOU WILL OFTEN SEE PEOPLE OUT THERE WALKING. WILL THE
11 RISK OUTWEIGH THE BENEFIT? DO WE COUNT? WHAT ABOUT THE
12 CHILDREN PLAYING AT RECESS AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE
13 CONVALESCENT CENTERS AND THE SENIOR HOUSING FACILITIES? DO
14 THEY COUNT? THE DRAFT E.I.R. STATES, EVEN AFTER ALL FEASIBLE
15 MITIGATION MEASURES, THE IMPACTS ON AIR QUALITY REMAIN
16 SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE. THIS PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE
17 APPROVED. THAT'S ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS THAT WE ARE OPPOSING
18 IT AND REQUEST THE COUNTY'S HELP.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I JUST SAY SOMETHING? I THINK IT'S VERY
23 IMPORTANT. WE HAVE BEEN GETTING LETTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY,
24 WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD. BY THE WAY, I
25 REPRESENT BOTH SIDES. I'M ALSO ELECTED BY THE RESIDENTS IN THE



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1 OTHER CITY AS WELL, AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS A SITUATION OF
2 HOW WE'RE TRYING TO MITIGATE BOTH OF THESE CONCERNS. BUT WE'VE
3 BEEN VERY CONCERNED WITH WAL-MART AND WITH THE PLANS AS TO HOW
4 THEY'VE BEEN MOVING FORWARD. WE HOPE TO HAVE A COMMUNITY
5 MEETING AND WE HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED ALL OF OUR ISSUES THAT
6 WE ARE DEALING WITH. RIGHT NOW, MOST OF IT IS TO BE MITIGATED,
7 BUT WE'RE GOING TO SEE THE EXTENT OF MITIGATIONS THAT WE'RE
8 GOING TO GET, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS NOT THE BOARD THAT'S
9 GOING TO MAKE THIS DECISION, IT IS GOING TO BE THE CITY THAT
10 WILL DO SO. WE APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT TODAY.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. VELMA-- IS VELMA KIDD
13 STILL HERE?

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15 **MARGARET BOWMAN:** I'M SORRY. JUST ONE QUICK QUESTION. HOW WILL
16 WE BE NOTIFIED ABOUT THE MEETING? WILL WE GET A FLIER IN THE
17 MAIL OR...

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** EVERYONE WHO WROTE TO US-- DID YOU WRITE TO US?

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21 **MARGARET BOWMAN:** NO, I HAVE NOT.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, OKAY. WELL, THEN, MAYBE-- NICOLE IS RIGHT
24 THERE. SHE'S SETTING UP THE MEETING. SHE'S RIGHT BEHIND YOU IN
25 THE PINK. COULD YOU GIVE HER YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, PLEASE?



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VELMA KIDD: GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE CHAIR AND ALL THE
SUPERVISORS. I'VE BEEN HERE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE, AND I'M
HAVING A CHALLENGE WITH MY HOME. MY HUSBAND AND I WAS
ILLEGALLY REMOVED FROM OUR PROPERTY BY FRAUD. THE CONSUMER
AFFAIRS DID AN INVESTIGATION AND FOUND OUT THAT IT REALLY WAS--
- WE REALLY WAS TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT IT. THERE WAS FACTS
THAT WE SHOW WE WAS PAYING, ALL THE TAXES WERE PAID UP, WE HAD
INSURANCE, THERE WAS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED
FROM OUR PROPERTY. AND WE ARE TRULY ASKING THE BOARD TO HELP
US TO GO BACK HOME BECAUSE FRAUD IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE--
IF YOU FIND THERE IS FRAUD, SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT,
AND I AM ASKING YOU TO HELP US, PLEASE.

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SUP. BURKE: WE ASKED THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO LOOK INTO IT, AND
I THINK THERE HAVE BEEN ATTORNEYS WHO'VE ALSO LOOKED AT IT.
THE UNFORTUNATE PART ABOUT IT IS THAT THIS FORECLOSURE TOOK
PLACE IN 1997. WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO AS THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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VELMA KIDD: TIME IS SEVEN YEARS SPAN TO DO SOMETHING. THE TIME
IS NOT UP YET. SEVEN YEARS WON'T BE UNTIL OCTOBER OF THIS
YEAR.

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SUP. BURKE: AND YOU'VE CONTACTED AN ATTORNEY TO FILE?



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2 **VELMA KIDD:** I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH SEVERAL ATTORNEYS. AN
3 ATTORNEY IS NOT MY ISSUE. WE ARE ASKING THE BOARD TO DO
4 SOMETHING BECAUSE THE ATTORNEYS HAVE TAKEN OUR MONEY AND DID
5 NOTHING.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES NOT HAVE THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO GO INTO COURT WITH LAWSUITS. THE ONLY THING
9 THAT CAN HAPPEN HERE IS IF THERE WAS-- THE COMPANY THAT
10 FORECLOSED, IF THERE WAS FRAUD INVOLVED, YOU CAN GO TO THE
11 STATE AND THEIR LICENSE CAN BE REMOVED, AND THEIR LICENSE
12 REMOVAL OR IT COULD BE CRIMINAL, BUT AS FAR AS THE BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS, OUR CONSUMER AFFAIRS LOOKED INTO IT AND THEY WERE
14 UNABLE TO FIND ANYTHING THAT THEY COULD DO FROM THE COUNTY
15 STANDPOINT. THERE'S JUST NOTHING WE COULD DO AT THIS POINT. I
16 WISH I COULD TELL YOU THERE WAS SOMETHING WE COULD DO. BUT
17 THEY SAID THAT THEY LOOKED AT IT, EVERYONE'S LOOKED AT IT.

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19 **VELMA KIDD:** THEY SAID THEY LOOKED AT IT BECAUSE IT WAS TOO
20 LATE. IT'S NOT TOO LATE. THE TIME SPAN...

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. WELL, EVEN IF IT WAS NOT TOO LATE, THE
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COULDN'T DO ANYTHING. ONLY A COURT ACTION
24 THROUGH AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR FILING IT WITH THE COURT COULD DO



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1 ANYTHING. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY
2 TO DO ANYTHING.

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4 **VELMA KIDD:** WELL, THEN, WHEN I CAME BEFORE, COULD I HAVE
5 GOTTEN A NOTICE SAYING THAT THERE WASN'T ANYTHING-- I DIDN'T
6 GET ANY RESPONSE FROM YOUR OFFICE AT ALL. I'VE BEEN CALLING
7 AND I'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE REFERRED IT TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
10 CONSUMER AFFAIRS. THEY RESPONDED TO YOU ON APRIL 2ND. AND THEY
11 INDICATED TO YOU THAT WE HAD ASKED THEM TO LOOK AT IT BEFORE
12 THAT TIME. ACCORDING TO YOUR RECORDS HERE.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHTY. THANK YOU.

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16 **VELMA KIDD:** THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE-- THAT WAS THE LAST PUBLIC
19 COMMENT. WOULD YOU READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION PLEASE.

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21 **CLERK ROBIN GUERRERO:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
22 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
24 1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
25 LITIGATION; ITEM CS-3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING



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1 INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM CS-4, CONSIDERATION
2 OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; ITEM CS-5,
3 CONFERENCE WITH THE LABOR NEGOTIATORS, DAVID E. JANSSEN, CHIEF
4 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AND ITEM CS-6
5 CONFERENCE REGARDING POTENTIAL THREATS TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR
6 FACILITIES FOR A BRIEFING BY DAVID E. JANSSEN, CHIEF
7 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE AND RELATED EMERGENCY
8 SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.
9 THE TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004 MEETING IS CANCELED. THE NEXT
10 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD,
11 2004. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON JULY 20, 2004**

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3 The Board of Supervisors met today in Closed Session. The
4 following action is being reported:

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6 CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
7 (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
8 Initiation of litigation (one case)

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10 Action Taken:

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12 The Board of Supervisors authorized its legal counsel to
13 initiate an action. Once formally commenced, the action,
14 parties and other particulars will be disclosed to any person
15 upon inquiry.

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17 The vote of the Board was:

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19 Supervisor Molina: Absent

20 Supervisor Burke: Aye

21 Supervisor Yaroslavsky: Aye

22 Supervisor Antonovich: Aye

23 Supervisor Knabe: Aye

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